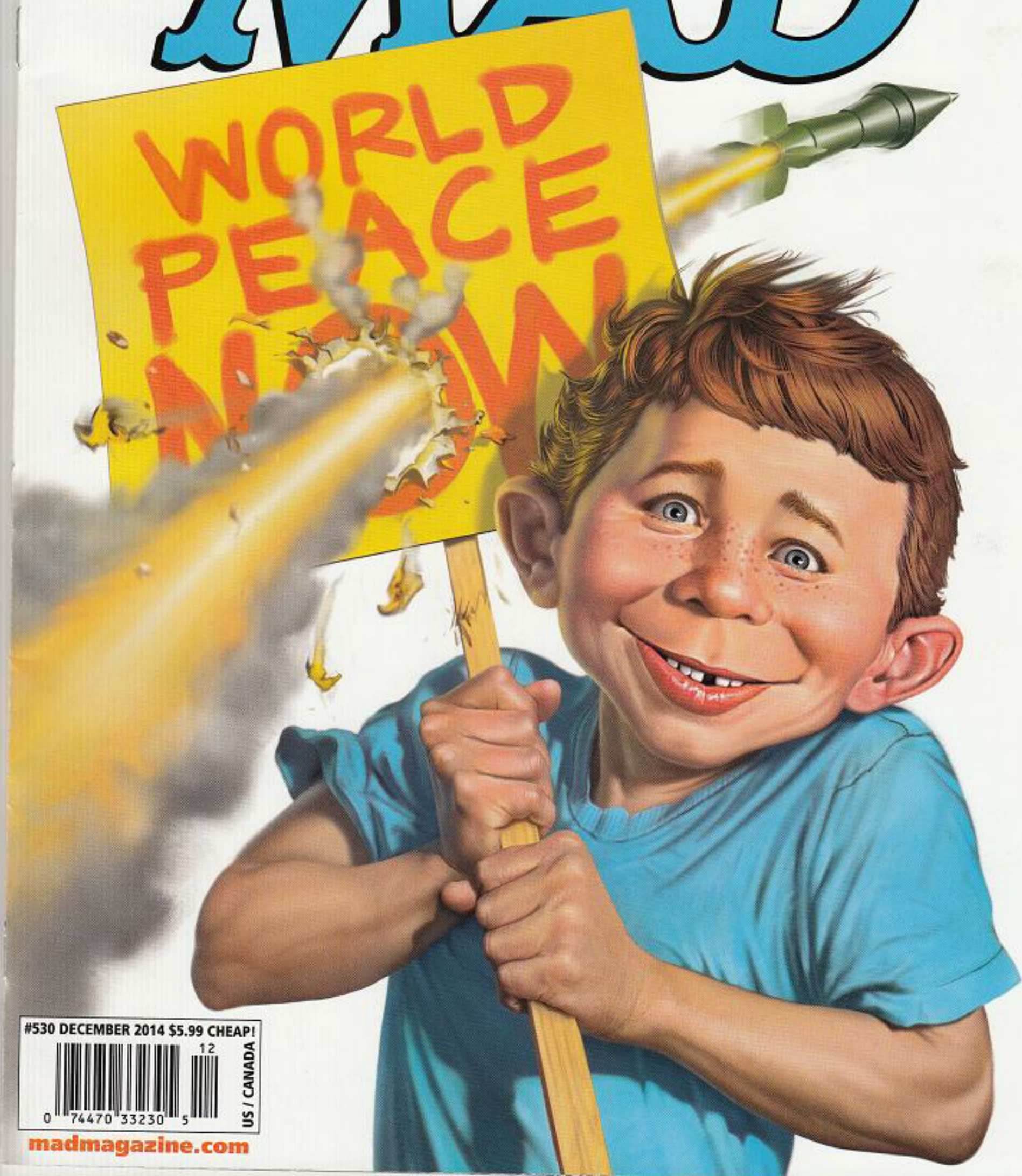


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# Letters and Tomatoes



## MORTIFYING BOARD

My high school let me pay for and wear this garish getup recently. They even let me stand on a stage and give a speech. I chose to squander this wonderful opportunity by adorning my hat with the likeness of my hero.

McKinley Rodriguez  
Portland, OR

M-Rod — What a terrific story! A tale like yours is completely unheard of...a MAD reader who graduated high school! They said it'd never happen! Thanks for proving everyone wrong! Actually, upon rereading your letter, we've noticed that you don't make any mention of actually *graduating* — so maybe we're jumping the gun here. Either way, nice hat! We hope security was respectful as they ushered you offstage after your "speech." —Ed.



## MAD AT THE SAN DIEGO COMIC-CON

If you were lucky enough to attend the San Diego Comic-Con from July 24-27, then maybe you were also lucky enough to avoid anything MAD-related while you were there! However, whatever your degree of luckitude, here are some "highlights" from the Con, including the MAD panel (featuring, left to right: MAD staffers John Ficarra, Ryan Flanders and Sam Viviano; MAD contributors Sergio Aragonés, Tom Richmond, David Shayne, Peter Kuper, and Arnie Kogen!)



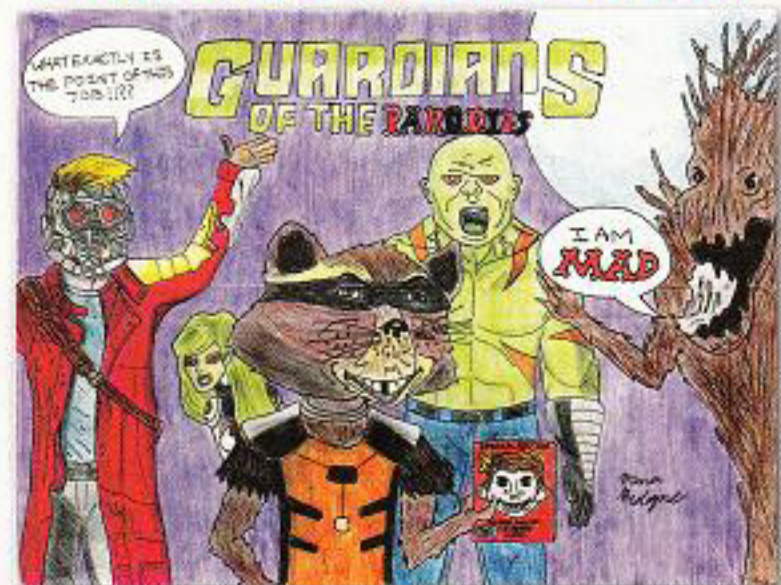
## BLOGGING UP THE WORKS

I'm thinkin' you really are idiots for dropping "Planet Tad." What's wrong with you people? (Just askin' about issue #529.) I've read your mag for years. My sons have read your mag for years. My grandsons have read your mag for years. And out of all of us, two can't believe you dropped "Planet Tad." (I realize that isn't a large percentage, but it's big to us...well, to two of us.) Please bring "Tad" back.

Joann Taylor • St. Clair Shores, MI

Tinker, Taylor, Soldier, Spy — If the Family Taylor was disappointed to not see "Planet Tad" in MAD #529, think about how we felt! The deadline for "Tad" came and went with nary a word from its writer, Tim Carvell — and when we finally got a hold of him, all we got was a lame excuse that he'd been binge-watching *Last Week Tonight with John Oliver* and lost track of time. We were so steamed that we were about to give Tim the ax — when, lo and behold, your groveling little missive landed on our desk. So "Tad" is back — but we're just about through with Carvell, the lazy good-for-nothing. One more missed deadline and he's your responsibility, Joann! If you want "Planet Tad" so badly, YOU can be his editor! Good luck wrangling installments from him — and be careful what you wish for! —Ed.

## ENVELOPE OF THE MONTH



Minda Badogno, Los Angeles, CA

## AND A CHILD SHALL MISLEAD THEM

Recently I introduced my 10-year-old brother to the best magazine I've ever read: MAD. But one day he said something purely idiotic: "MAD is speaking to the next generation." I have one question, why does everyone think that MAD is a magazine for 12-year-old boys? I'm 13 and a GIRL. I find MAD rather funny.

Angeliah Easton • Shelton, WA

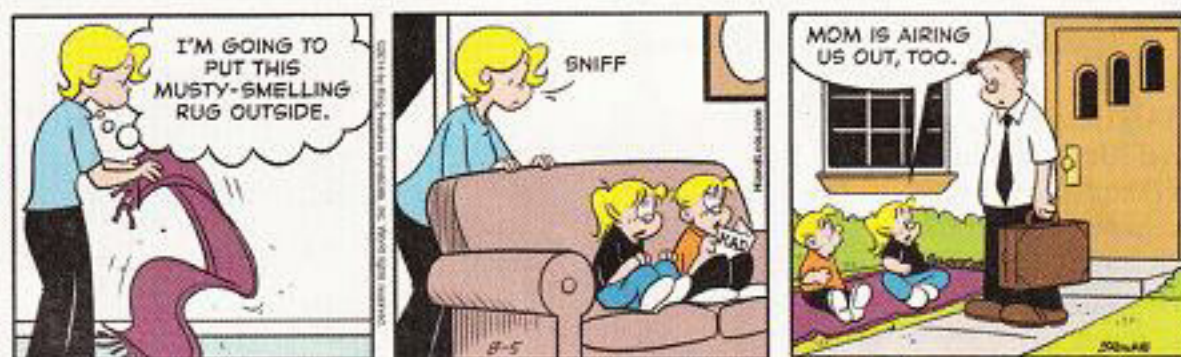
Peace in the Middle East — We're thrilled that you consider MAD to be funny and the best magazine you've ever read — no doubt edging out such kid-mag stalwarts as *Highlights*, *Ranger Rick* and *Foreign Policy* — but we're surprised that you called your brother's comments "purely idiotic." Here at MAD, we have a unique opportunity to speak for all generations and all genders. So while 12-year-old boys do indeed enjoy MAD, there's no reason that a 13-year-old girl can't love it as well. To truly appreciate MAD, all you need is \$5.99 (CHEAP!) and (like us) the IQ of a boiled yam. —Ed.





## HI AND LOW-POINTS

Eagle-eyed comic strip fans noticed an appearance by MAD in the August 5th edition of "Hi and Lois"! Maybe it's us, but we couldn't get past the disturbing subtext that Dot and Ditto are foul-smelling, neglected children whose unbalanced mother is clearly unfit to parent...but that's what's great about the strip — It's got layers! —Ed.



## ART HISTORY CORPSE

Two years ago I began reading MAD after a hiatus of some 30-odd years (some of these years were very odd). While your writing is as sharp and funny as ever, the quality of your artwork has sadly deteriorated. Are you running a jobs program for arts school dropouts? My mom once told me that artists didn't learn to draw the human figure accurately until they began dissecting cadavers. How about MAD illustrators? Are you up for a late-night field trip to the county morgue?

Tracy Figuera • Tyler, TX

Tricks of the Tracy — We shared your letter with our artists, and they weren't too flattered by your constructive criticism. However, they were REALLY excited about your cadaver-dissecting idea! Just let them know what drawer your corpse will be in and they'll be there with bells on! —Ed.



## TOUR GUISE

Recently The National Cartoonists Society took part in a USO tour of Afghanistan — and among those who elbowed their way onto this seemingly prestigious outing were MAD's own Sam Viviano and Tom Richmond! We've always had the utmost respect for the men and women in our armed forces — but knowing that they endured a week-long visit with these two chowder-pots? Well, our admiration for them has reached all-new levels!



Tom Richmond wearing a hat that may as well say "Shoot me!"



Tom and Sam getting ready to ride a helicopter (or enter the office of Senior Editor Charlie Kadamu)



Tom, Sam, Richard Kirkman, Jeff Keane, Mike Peters and Jeff Bacon posing for what we assume is a direct-to-DVD Expendables sequel



Tom draws a caricature of a serviceman



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In your MAD book, *Totally Useless MAD*, "The MAD Hate Book," page 80, 17th panel, I see that you updated the original "Ursula Andress" by replacing her with "Bar Rafaeli." Okay. But in *Disturbingly Awful MAD*, "The MAD Hate Book Vol. 2," page 25, 3rd panel, you left the price of a gallon of gas on the pump at 25 2/3 cents a gallon. You also have U.S. postage as five cents. What's going on here?

M.A. Duplessis • Yreka, CA

Oh, Duplessis You'll Go! — In your letter in MAD #530, page 4, 1st paragraph, 4th sentence, you raise an interesting question. When we reprint old material, we sometimes update the references so that readers will be able to get the joke. For example, instead of a fat joke about Roseanne Barr, we might change it to be about Melissa McCarthy. Or for a joke about Dan Quayle being a dumb politician, we might alter it to be about Sarah Palin. And if we were running an old joke about an obnoxious, nit-picking bore, we'd update it to be about M.A. Duplessis! See? Everyone would know exactly who we were talking about! Thanks for reading — and keep buying those books! —Ed.



## AN INTERN FOR THE WORSE

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank MAD's 2014 Summer Interns, Russel Kogan and Conrad Groth! And to think they said it was a "thankless job"! Repeatedly. Like, on a daily basis. Anyway, thank you, fellas — we'll think of you every single time we read this feature and see your pictures and names.



Conrad



Russel

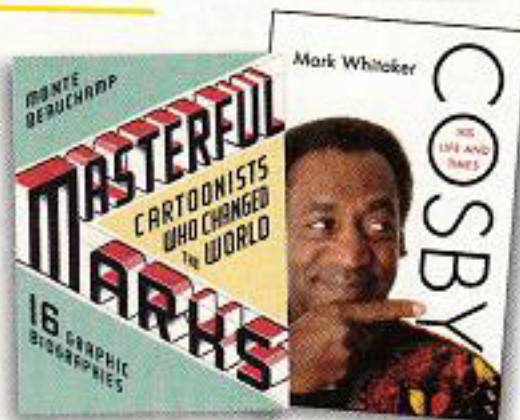
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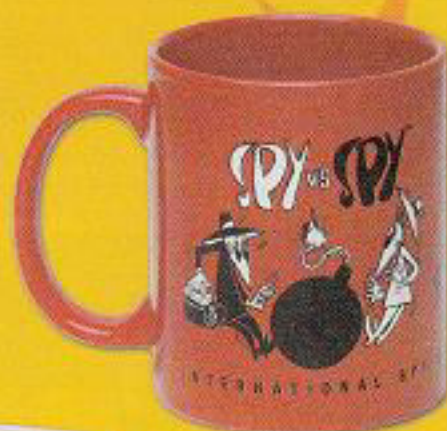
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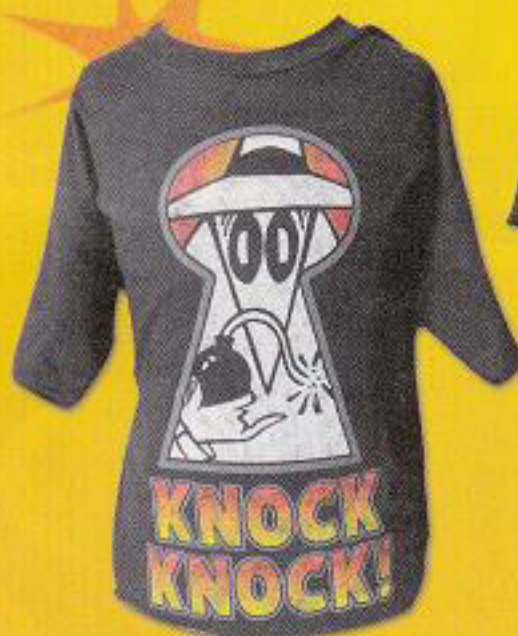


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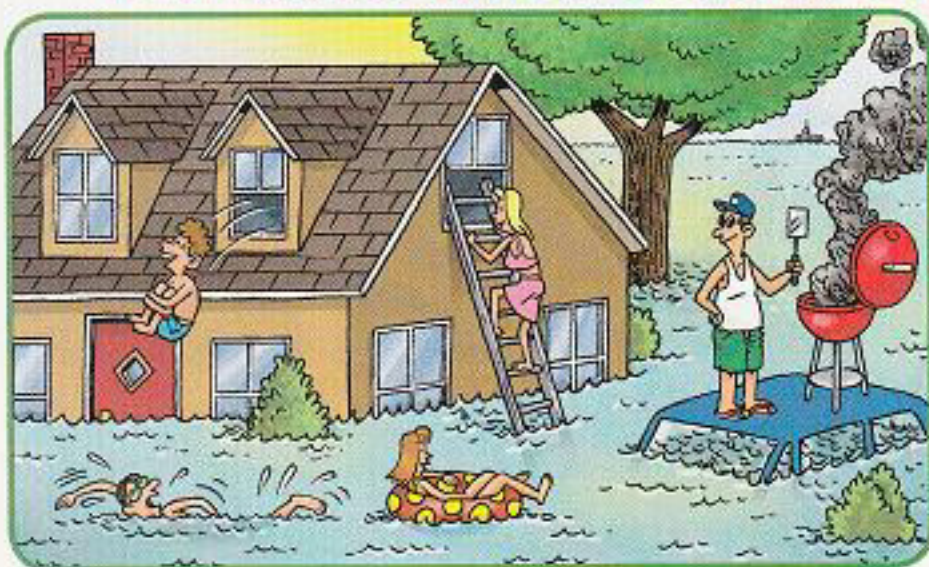
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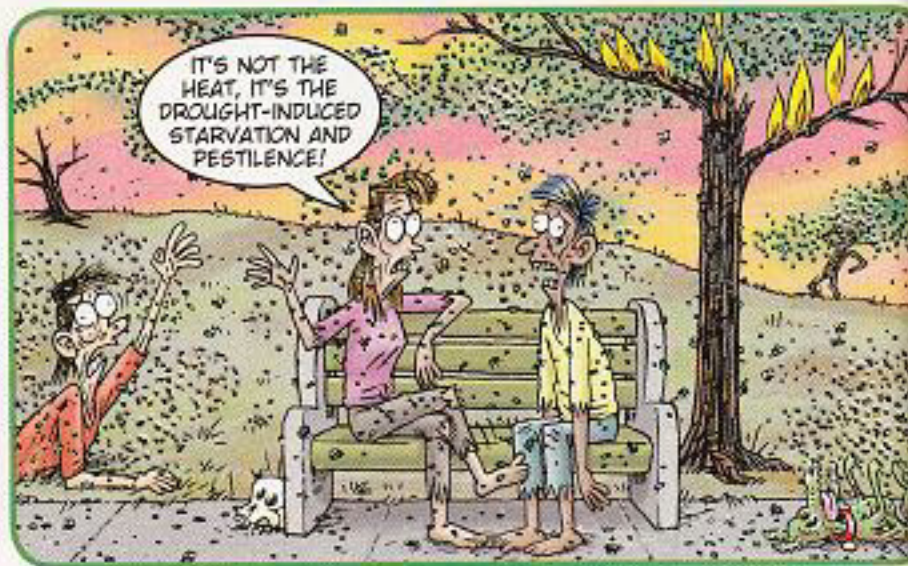
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The tired, overused phrase, "It's not the heat, it's the humidity," will be replaced with something fresher.

Writer: Mike Morse Artist: John Kerschbaum

## Overheard at the Apple Watch Unveiling





# PAGES

## The Fast 5

### MAD'S GUIDE TO LEADING A MORE SPIRITUAL LIFE

- 1 Get in touch with your soul. If you can't find it, don't worry — lots of people don't have souls, and they seem to be enjoying life just fine
- 2 Go into the forest and commune with the wonder of nature — but keep a rifle handy in case nature doesn't feel the same way about you
- 3 Asia is known for spirituality, so take up Eastern practices, such as yoga, the Kama Sutra, Gangnam Style and jiu-jitsu
- 4 Pay close attention to what your dreams are telling you, except maybe for those really weird ones where you're naked and being chased down the street by a two-headed ogre with a rutabaga
- 5 You don't even have to travel abroad to become more spiritual. States like Colorado and Washington have recently made "spiritual journeys" much easier, if you catch our meaning

Writer: Jeff Kruse Artist: Hermann Mejia



## LEAST POPULAR HALLOWEEN COSTUMES OF 2014



Harrison Ford's Broken Leg



Chris Christie's George Washington Bridge Traffic Jam



Donald Sterling and His Mistress



Bill Murray Photobomb Victim



"Swiped Left" Tinder Profile



Gut-shot Archie

Artist: Scott Bricher



# THE FUNDALINI PAGES

## RESULTS OF THE FUNDALINI READERS' POLL

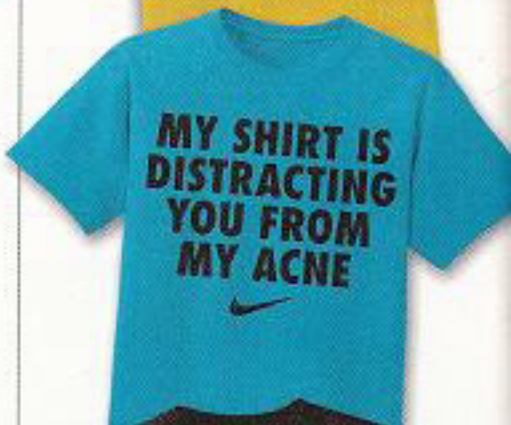
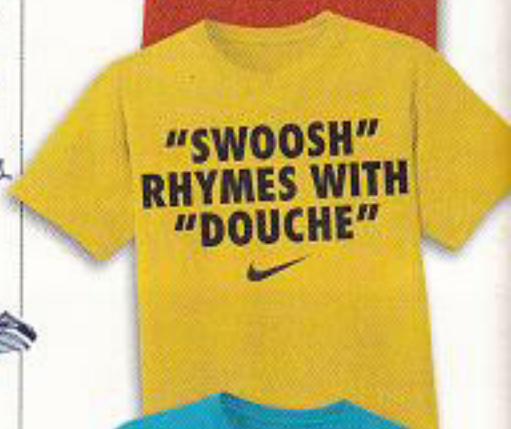
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- 38% said they would definitely believe in God if they won the lottery.
- 42% said dinner and a movie should not automatically lead to sex. (Couples should leave the theatre first.)
- 19% said "gay marriage" was basically wrong because it excludes straight people.
- 9% said they had a fear of flying, especially in airplanes.
- Given a choice between Lincoln, Gandhi and Mother Teresa, 87% said the person they most admired was Gandhi. (In a weird statistical anomaly, however, only 2.4% of those responding knew who Gandhi was.)
- 97% said the NSA is full of wonderful, hard-working, attractive, thoughtful, kind, patriotic employees who would never spy on them.
- .003% said they were very interested in learning the final results of this poll.



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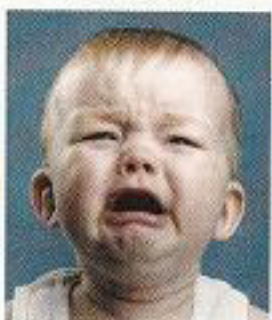


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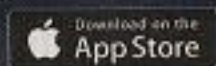
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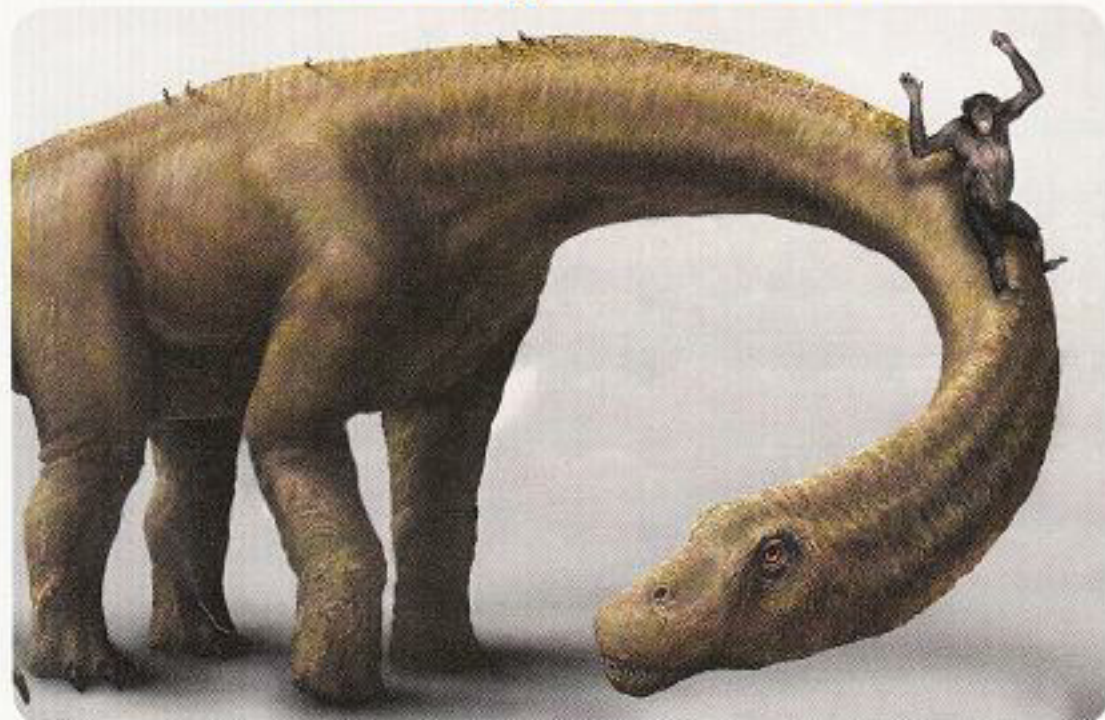
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## Monkeys are Always Funny: Dreadnaughtus Edition



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## Pull My Cheney



"FIRST OF ALL, IT'S NOT A 'METEOR'—  
IT'S A 'METEORITE.'"

Writer and Artist:  
Tom Cheney

## Chopsticks Wrapper Instructions We'd Like to See

### LEARN HOW TO USE YOUR CHOPSTICKS

1. Break chopsticks apart, pick ensuing splinters out of food



2. Tuck first chopstick under thumb; add second chopstick, holding it like a pencil



3. Shakily pick up greasy dumpling, curse as it falls onto filthy carpet



4. Embarrassedly ask snickering waiter to give you a fork



## SIDE EFFECTS OF DRUG SIDE EFFECTS

Upset stomach may increase chances of explosive post-Taco Bell diarrhea.

Insomnia may cause regrettable Home Shopping Network purchases.

Drowsiness may cause you to fall asleep even faster in church.

Loss of appetite may cause the Indian restaurant you order from every night to wonder if you're still alive.

Frequent urination may cause an alarming increase in bitter arguments about leaving the toilet seat up.

Hair loss in men may result in sudden purchase of a \$20,000 motorcycle.



## The Faster 5 SIGNS THAT YOU'RE TOO OLD TO STILL BE LIVING WITH YOUR PARENTS

- 1 You and your dad begin getting your prostate exam reminders in the mail on the same day.
- 2 No one in the house knows how to work the new Blu-ray player.
- 3 They allow you to grow your hair long, as that's the only way your comb-over will work.
- 4 You no longer have a curfew, but are usually asleep by 9:30 regardless.
- 5 There's a rule about no loud music at night, but it's your rule, not theirs.

Writer: Kit Lively Artist: Teresa Burns Parkhurst



## Art Instruction Books We Don't Recommend

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# BLECCH!

Outside, I'm Hyper Chaplips, a punchably privileged princess whose cushy life marketing boutique soaps is turned upside down by a belated jail sentence. Ten years ago, I got involved in an ecstasy-fueled, psychologically manipulative, experimental lesbian relationship with an emotionally unstable heroin smuggler, and personally trafficked millions in drug money from Nigeria and Cambodia. Like I told the judge, I'll never make that particular and specific mistake again!

Had I known I would be giving up my personal identity for a life under lock and key, being controlled by arbitrary rules and irrational power trips, I could've just married Tom Cruise! But my past has caught up with me. Now I know I have to get tough or die. Taken care of! I've already got my first prison tats!

The aforementioned lesbian drug smuggler is me, Galsex Gloss! I lured Hyper into a whirlwind of drugs, glitz and transcontinental smirking. She flipped for my Marlene Dietrich aquiline eyebrows, combined with Thelma Ritter's blunt and sassy attitude. Sure, most of you have never heard of either of them, but trust me, all our gay viewers just went berserk! I've only been locked up in here for two months, but I've already fallen into two steamy girl-girl relationships. Some people look at prison as punishment. I consider it speed dating! This morning, Hyper found out that I was the one who ratted her out to the feds and sent her to prison. At lunch, she was a bit abrupt with me. Jeez, some people hold a grudge!

SMUGGLING:  
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WORTH  
IT!

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BEFORE ENTERING

RELIANCE  
WUZ HERE

Being separated from the woman I love hurts so damn much. And not just from the self-abuse chafing! I'm stuck out here, a freelance writer getting nowhere trying to pitch a whiny article about my girlfriend to *The New York Times*! Hyper's wondering whether I'll still be around in 18 months...I'm wondering the same thing about *The New York Times*!

But as rotten as my writing career is going, I'm even more unsuccessful as a dude. My gorgeous fiancée was hot for girls! Imagine the possibilities! But I'm such a bready nebbish, I could never figure out how to parlay Hyper's capricious libido into a three-way. Not even with Hyper's best friend, Polyp. Although she's a new mother who's been emotionally abandoned...hmmm. I wonder if I could teach the kid to talk dirty over the baby monitor...!

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My name is Retch, and I rule the kitchen with an iron fist. Everyone else needs an iron stomach! Fortunately I also run a smuggling operation, so come see me about scoring some Pepcid AC! My recipes come from Mother Russia, and I think they're great! My cooking contains delicious Russian ingredients, like turnips and polonium-210! A lot of the girls comment about my trademark rusty red hair color. They're all jealous! I can truthfully say that it's 100% real. I can also say that Kim and Kanye's marriage will last, airport security keeps us safe and your friends care about your blog!

Once Retch gets taken down, I'll be in charge of her kitchen. The greasy metal pots will be mine, all mine. The spatula, too. And every last garbanzo bean. Dare to dream!

I used to be Marcus, but now I'm Sofeeble! I used to be married, but now I'm separated. I used to be a man, but now I'm a woman. I'm also having a hell of a time deciding on an internet provider! My character is a great example of how this show upends and confounds old, tired gender stereotypes. I'm not some cornball cliché of the fabulous gay hairdresser. I'm a fabulous post-op transsexual hairdresser!

Everyone here calls me "Lazy Eyes." But I don't mind. It keeps the attention off my ludicrous hair! Or maybe they're antennae judging from all the voices on inside my bug-nutty skull it makes it tough for me to be alone in solitary. With all the other people in my empty cell, I can never get a word in edgewise!

We have to keep your pregnancy a secret, Papaya, or they'll take away your baby, and throw me into a prison cell for having sex with an inmate!

Won't they kind of get suspicious when I unexpectedly give birth to a child?

I've got that covered! I've already written the baby a visitor's pass!

I'm Warden Protozoa! My entire job is to parachute in occasionally, scream insults at the staff and leave. I'm the Gordon Ramsay of the penitentiary system! And there's plenty to scream about. Last month, we had human feces bubbling out of the bathroom drains. It cost me \$60,000, but I fixed that problem. We shifted the flow up to the shower heads! You're welcome, ladies!

Officer Pornrash, reporting for duty! I perv over the women, trade drugs to addicted inmates in exchange for sex, urinate into their food and cover up the overdose death I caused by making it look like a suicide. And yet, the creepiest thing about me is this mustache. My goal is to be chosen Employee of the Month. I think I've got a pretty good shot, too. There are 12 months in a year, and somehow this entire prison only seems to have eight employees!

I'm just a hard-working man named Sam Feely. It's my job to keep things nice and quiet around here. And by "around here," I mean in my office. As for the rest of the prison out there, let it burn! I have a bizarre obsession with lesbianism. In fact, my fixation is so strong, I should be this show's head writer!

Girls loving girls is just icky and wrong. I'd rather be home with my plastic bobble head collection while my mail-order Slavic bride refuses to have sex with me and curses me under her breath in Ukrainian. Now *that's* a normal, fulfilling relationship!



It's not easy planning a wedding from jail when you don't have a caterer. Or for that matter, a groom! Sure, maybe my sweet fiancé is merely a passing acquaintance who barely knew me 'til I began stalking him, but didn't Romeo get his start by hiding in Juliet's bushes? Just don't call me delusional! I'm Lovelorna Morello, and every bride goes a little crazy on her wedding day. Luckily, the phrase "in sickness and in health" covers undiagnosed psychosis!

Sicky Sicko, comin' atcha! I love women and I love drugs. Of my two crack addictions, I've cured one! Some people consider me a junkie philosopher, and I do live by the motto "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." But when you manage to do unto each other at the same time, it's fantastic! I admit it, I'm a screamer. Between the guttural noises I make and this hair, I've occasionally been mistaken for Chewbacca!

You're lookin' at Penicillin, the gray-toothed, redneck, homophobic, drug-addicted, Bible-thumping psycho who fricasseed my already iffy brain on crack and meth before shot-gunning the nurse who performed my fifth abortion. When I reflect on my choices, I now see that it's all part of God's plan. And I'd love to take a hit of whatever God's smoking! I was sent here by the Lord to preach the word. And that word is "BATSH\*T!"

Veenal here! Everyone thinks I'm a vicious, scheming monster 24/7, but that's not true. Once a year, on the day they set the clocks back one hour, it's 25/7! For example, there was the time I seduced my own foster son, then sent him outside to be assassinated. So I'm not a cuddler!

That repressed butterball might not like the happy-slappy lesbo action around here, but I love it! I'm his boss, Joe Kaput, and as the Assistant Warden, I run this prison without bias, without cruelty and frequently without pants! Make sure to knock before entering my private office! I'm very "hands on," if you catch my meaning. When I installed a UV black light to help my office plants grow, my desk suddenly looked like a Jackson Pollock painting!

The other prisoners tell me, "Fro-Yo, you're annoying and over-talkative." But I don't think I'm over-talkative do you find me over-talkative because being over-talkative is not something I think I am I mean I do talk so you could maybe say talkative but not over-talkative. I strongly believe that being forced to bathe is an imperialist violation of the individual. I also believe in organically-grown food. There's some growing on my body right now! Mmm-mm, there's nothing like a truffle freshly harvested from your own knee-pit!

Part of our mission is humanizing the unexamined complexities of those caught within the prison-industrial complex, by posing questions such as "when one's outer self is taken away, what remains?" within the socio-metric melting pot of race, ageism, queer gender issues, class privilege and feminist identity, thereby giving a voice and a face to characters who have been traditionally under-represented on television. Don't worry, though, you get to wash it all down with intermittent flashes of boobs!





The average couple has sex two times a week. Starting tomorrow, I'll be in prison for a year and a half. So all we have to do tonight is have sex 156 times.

I'll be fine on my own. Don't forget, I'm the guy who did "that scene" from *American Pie*!



You're gonna have to get used to a new way of life. Which bunk do you want?

Whichever one has the hypoallergenic pillow and the memory foam mattress with three layers of comfort for maximum lumbar support.

Newbie! She probably thinks this rubber glove is for a germ-free handshake!



In here, the whites stick with the whites. The blacks keep with the blacks. The Latinos stay with the Latinos. And we're all disappointed in Obama! Anyway, you have to align yourself with the whites.

Me, seen exclusively with whites? Never after Labor Day!



Each of our prisoners is allowed one personal photograph! One blanket! And one episode-long flashback!

Hooray for the heroin trade! Five-star hotels and resorts! The finest champagne! Flying first class from Paris to Buenos Aires to Bangkok to Marrakech to Abuja to Amsterdam to Tokyo to Phnom Penh! How rich are we now?

We're 130,000 dollars in debt! One more gigantic drug trip with you and I'll have to declare bankruptcy!



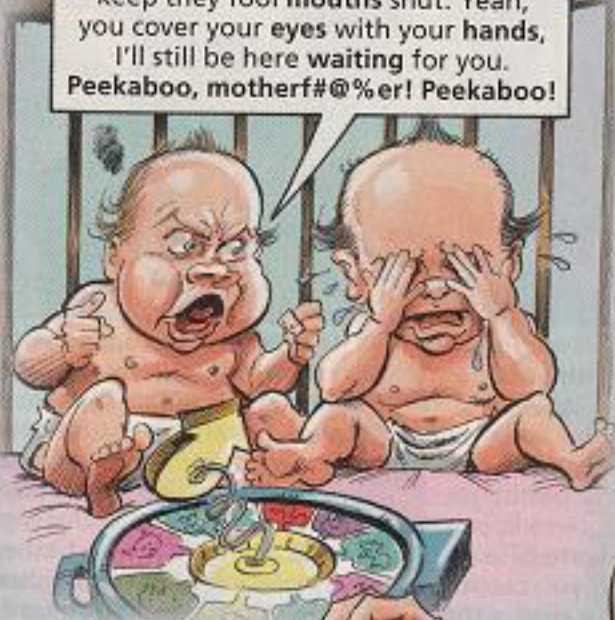
You've committed major credit card fraud to pay for your sex change surgery! I want you to take these scissors and cut those credit cards in half!

I can't! It brings back too many painful memories!

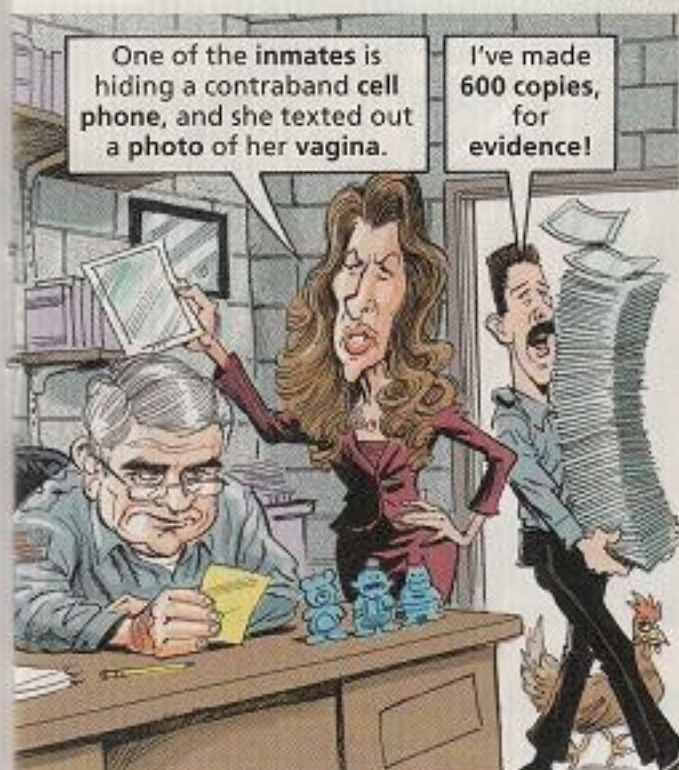


Don't worry, you ain't going to see that punk-ass See 'n Say no more! I don't tolerate snitches who can't keep they fool mouths shut. Yeah, you cover your eyes with your hands, I'll still be here waiting for you. Peekaboo, motherf#@%er! Peekaboo!

Too far back! That flashback is too far back!

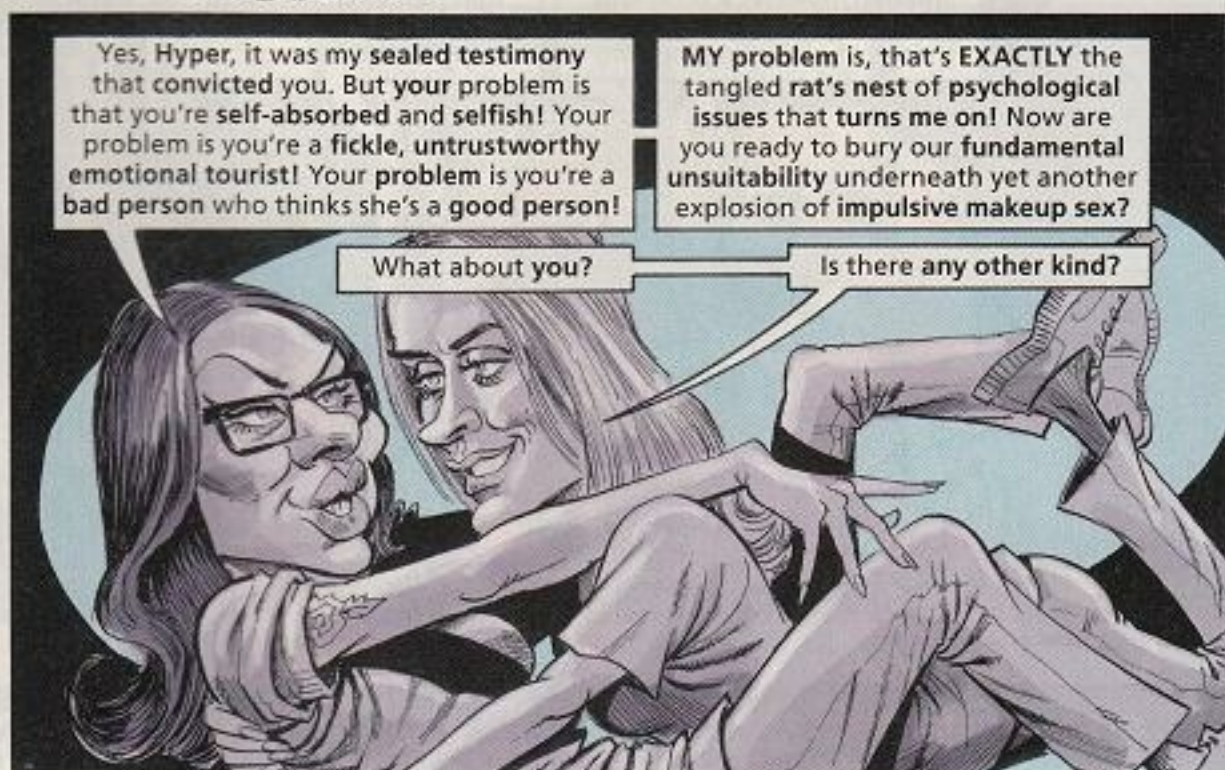






One of the inmates is hiding a contraband cell phone, and she texted out a photo of her vagina.

I've made 600 copies, for evidence!



Yes, Hyper, it was my sealed testimony that convicted you. But your problem is that you're self-absorbed and selfish! Your problem is you're a fickle, untrustworthy emotional tourist! Your problem is you're a bad person who thinks she's a good person!

What about you?

MY problem is, that's EXACTLY the tangled rat's nest of psychological issues that turns me on! Now are you ready to bury our fundamental unsuitability underneath yet another explosion of impulsive makeup sex?

Is there any other kind?



This is your release party cupcake! To sculpt the candle, we all pitched in and saved our earwax for the last month!

How depressing. This is the saddest party I've ever been to, second only to the red carpet Hollywood premiere for *Ender's Game*!

Turn off that lesbian music! That had better not be a lesbian cupcake! Am I going crazy, or did I say NO lesbian napkins? And why do I keep hearing the word "lesbian"?



Lazy Eyes has been stalking me, asking to be my prison wife! But I said no! And now she's peeing on the floor outside my cell!

If you'll look more closely, she's actually spelling out "Be My Valentine"! It's insane and disgusting, but you have to admire her penmanship!



Guess who's back behind bars? I just couldn't make it on the outside. Somehow I struggled, gave up, violated my parole, got arrested, went through the legal system, was resentenced and returned back to the identical wing of the same prison. Whew! What a month!

Makes sense to me! This is the only prison where they lock up a mother together with her daughter, or a defendant and the co-conspirator she named in her trial! The Justice Department opposes it, but they were overruled by the Writers Guild!

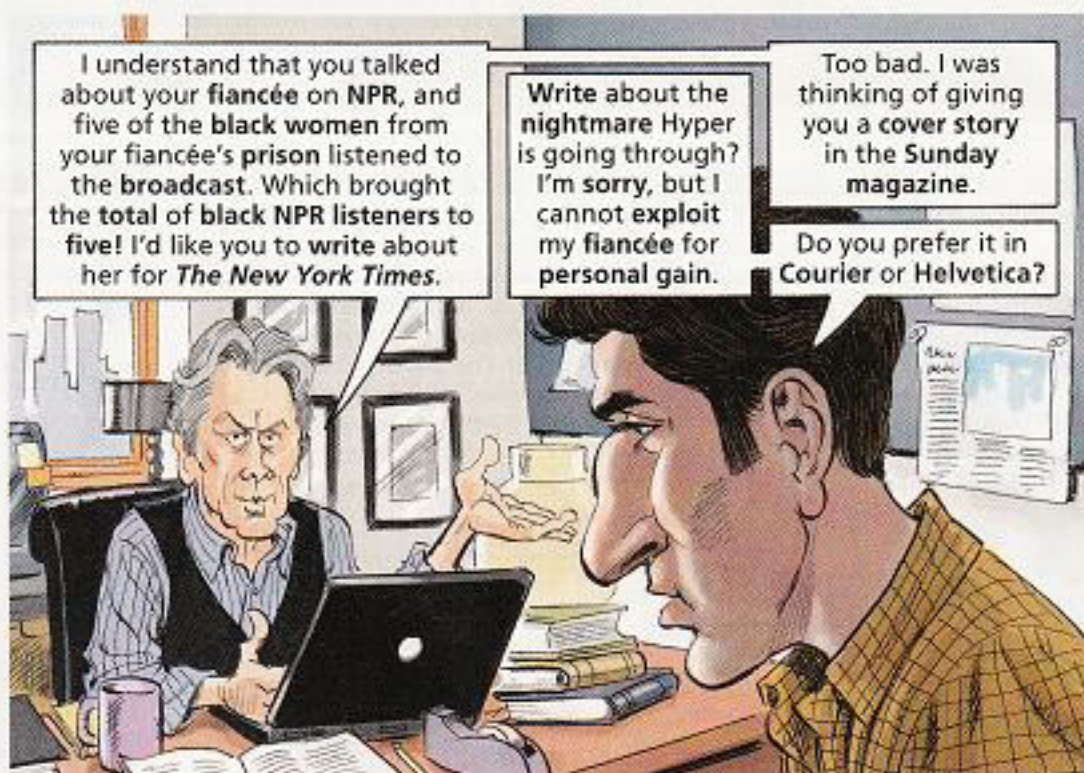
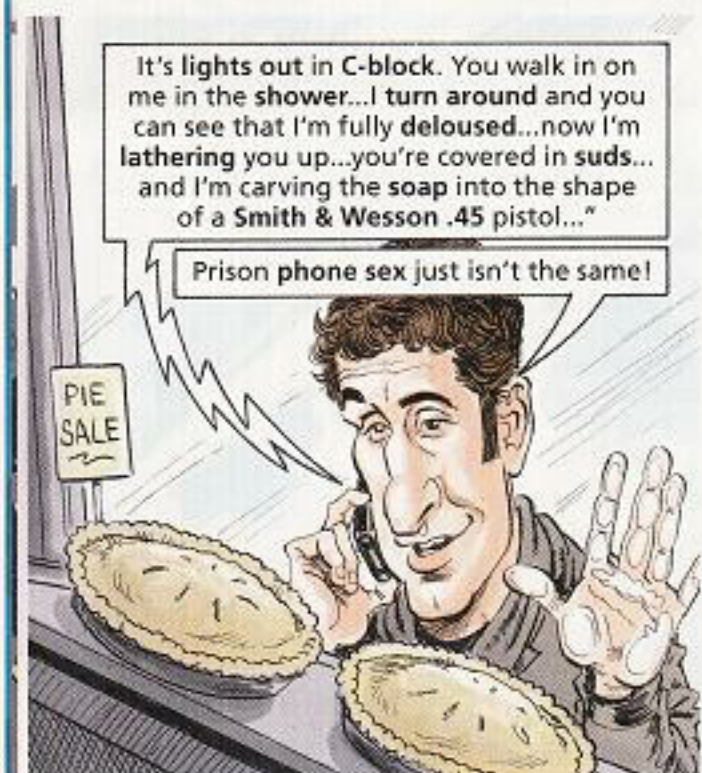
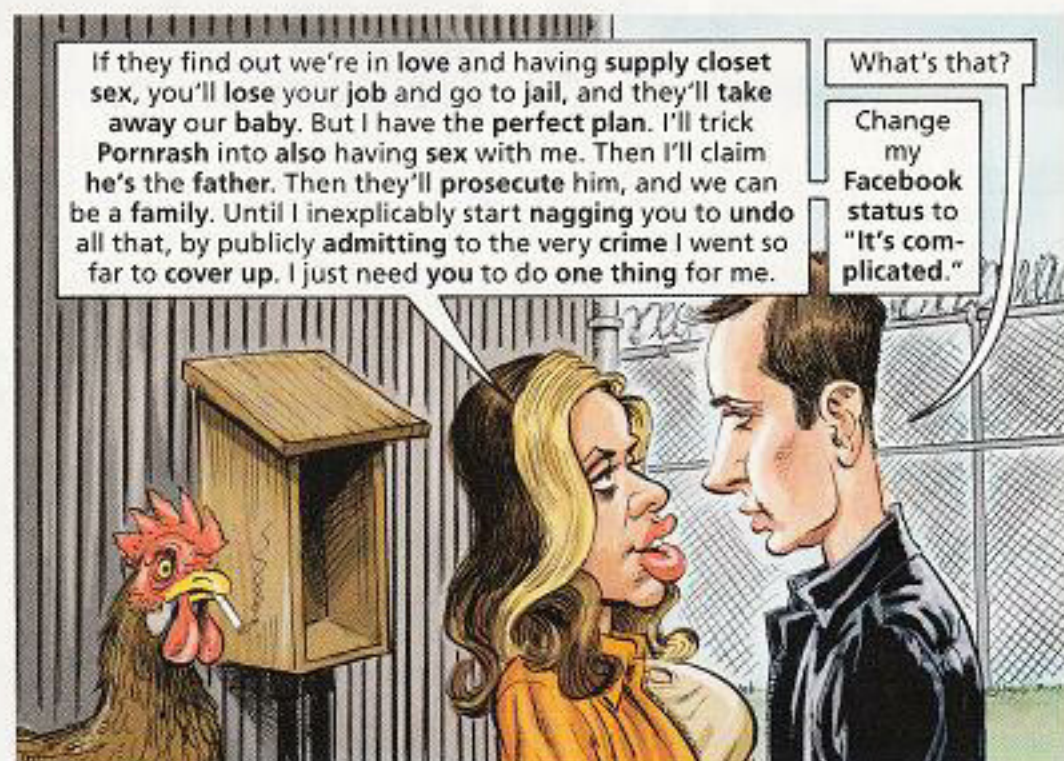


Here in the tool shop, as part of your rehabilitation, you women will learn valuable job skills. Skills that you can take with you to lead productive lives. Each of you has been given a single wire, and a pair of wire cutters.

What are we supposed to do with them?

You learn how to make lots of little pieces of wire!









I did what you said, and testified falsely! But you did what I said, and told the truth!

I only switched from switching because you wouldn't switch! So they're letting me leave, even though my criminal involvement was lengthier and far more serious than yours!

They're rewarding you, even though the drug lord was found not guilty!

Although he only barely escaped conviction, he's sending goons to murder me, a crime to which he'll immediately be connected!

Which paradoxically makes me freer than you, because I'm safe in prison!

I can't take it! Could someone please give the hit men my home address?



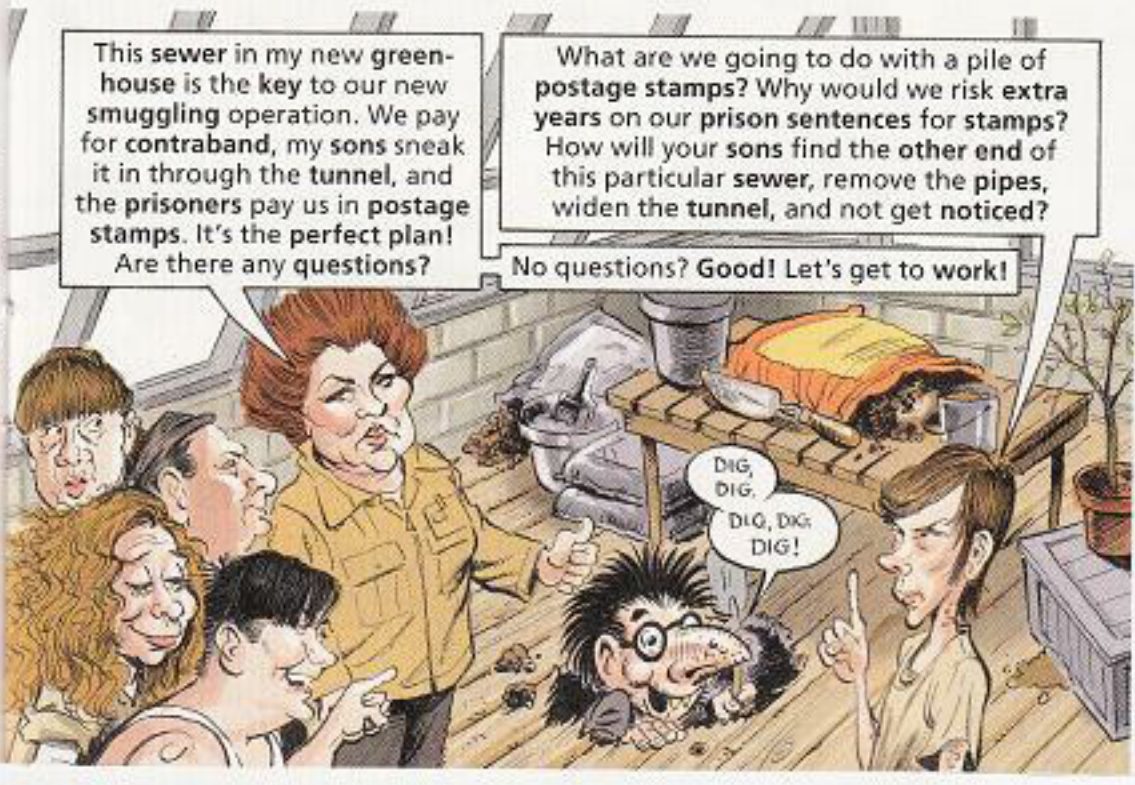
Lost children! Listen to me! I have been imbued by the same God who made the whale swallow Jonah Hill! And on that holiest day, an angel told Noah to build his ark. It was an ark angel! And lo, it came to pass that all the animals of the world rode on that ark, except for termites and woodpeckers. They were invented later, because that's just logic. Also, the other reindeers wouldn't let Rudolph join them. So he flew to the North Pole. The water level can't reach that high up there. Amen!

I possess the holy power to heal with a touch! I can heal back pain, tumors, sexual orientation, joint damage... anything but my own teeth!



We're family now. Think of me as your mother. All I ask is that you do whatever I ask, let me profit from your work and live in constant fear of me.

What kind of mother does that?  
Kris Jenner!

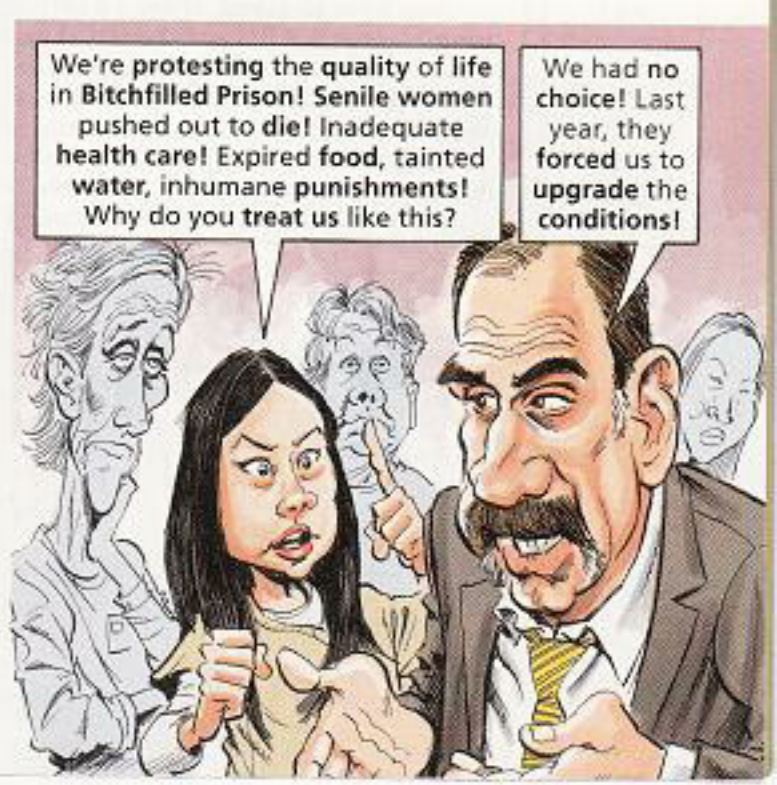


This sewer in my new greenhouse is the key to our new smuggling operation. We pay for contraband, my sons sneak it in through the tunnel, and the prisoners pay us in postage stamps. It's the perfect plan! Are there any questions?

What are we going to do with a pile of postage stamps? Why would we risk extra years on our prison sentences for stamps? How will your sons find the other end of this particular sewer, remove the pipes, widen the tunnel, and not get noticed?

No questions? Good! Let's get to work!

DIG, DIG,  
DIG, DIG,  
DIG!



We're protesting the quality of life in Bitchfilled Prison! Senile women pushed out to die! Inadequate health care! Expired food, tainted water, inhumane punishments! Why do you treat us like this?

We had no choice! Last year, they forced us to upgrade the conditions!



You came here to tell me you're sleeping with my best friend. Worse yet, you two want my blessing?

Ours was the classic story: "Boy meets girl, boy loses girl to a jail term, girl meets girl that she dated before boy, boy meets girl's best friend with new baby, boy and girl have increasingly tense phone conversations, boy boinks best friend next to the diaper genie!"

I don't believe it!

We didn't mean for it to happen.

The unbelievable thing is the fact that this whiny doormat scoring with a second girl out of his league doesn't even make the top ten implausible, farfetched plotlines on this show. Remember the trained delivery cockroaches, everybody? How about the episode with the magical vanishing chicken?



And so it's come to this. The least erotic "women behind bars" catfight ever!

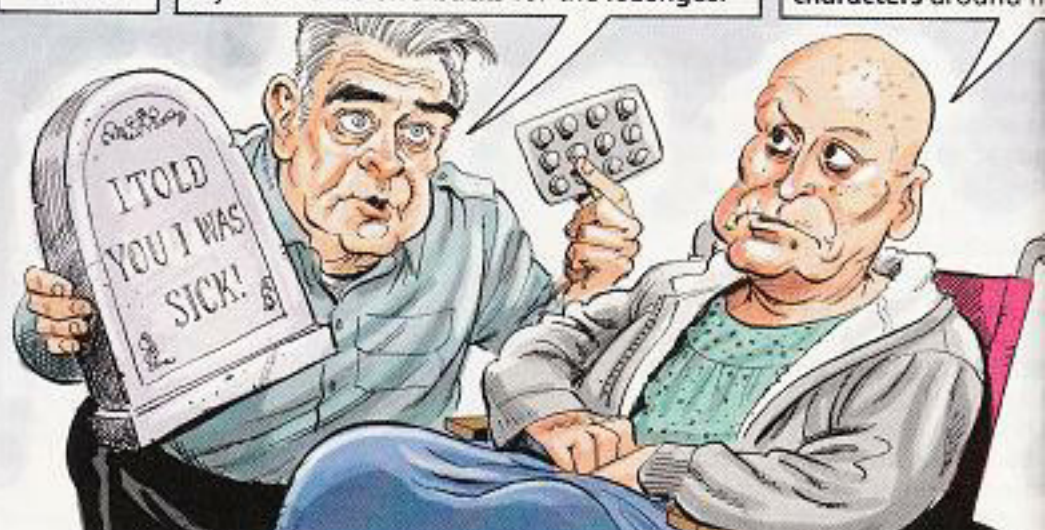
Rrrghh!! Couldn't you have washed the sock first?



If I don't get an operation, my cancer will kill me.

It's not happening, Rosacea. The health care budget has been slashed to the bone. However, I pulled a few strings, called in a few favors, and I managed to get you this pack of throat lozenges. Not to mention this snazzy Styrofoam headstone! By the way, you owe me two bucks for the lozenges.

So I'll be spending my final weeks feeling my tumor swell up. At least the cancer has a warmer, healthier personality than several of the characters around here.



All I remember is being clubbed in the head, like a baby seal.

You have to admit, there's a certain resemblance! But it's just the latest example of our hellish experience behind prison bars! Trapped! Listless! Unable to leave! We just sit and sit, and we stare and stare. Rotting away, growing more numb by the hour, as we wonder when, and how, it's all going to end! Can anyone know how we feel?

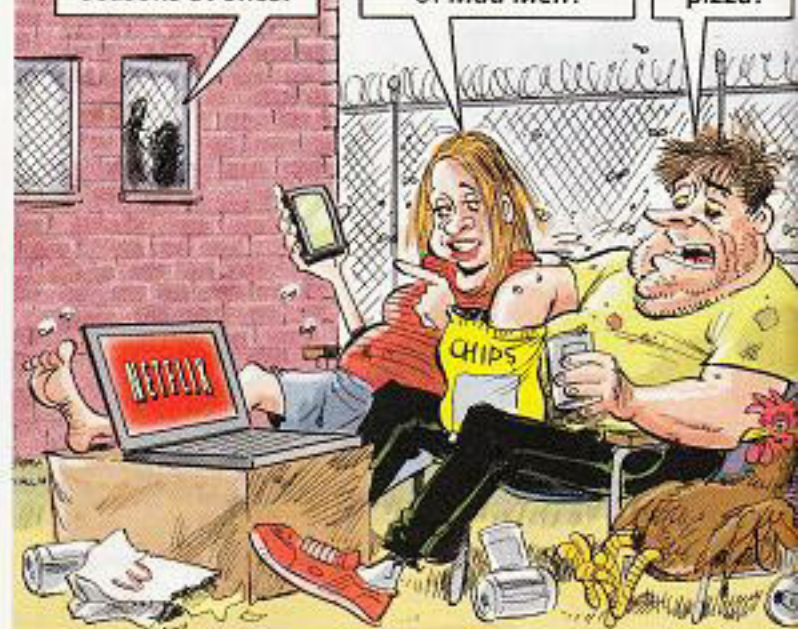
Yes!



Everybody out there who spends their days binge-watching entire TV seasons at once!

Okay, that knocks off *House of Cards*! Hey, look! They've got six episodes of *Mad Men*!

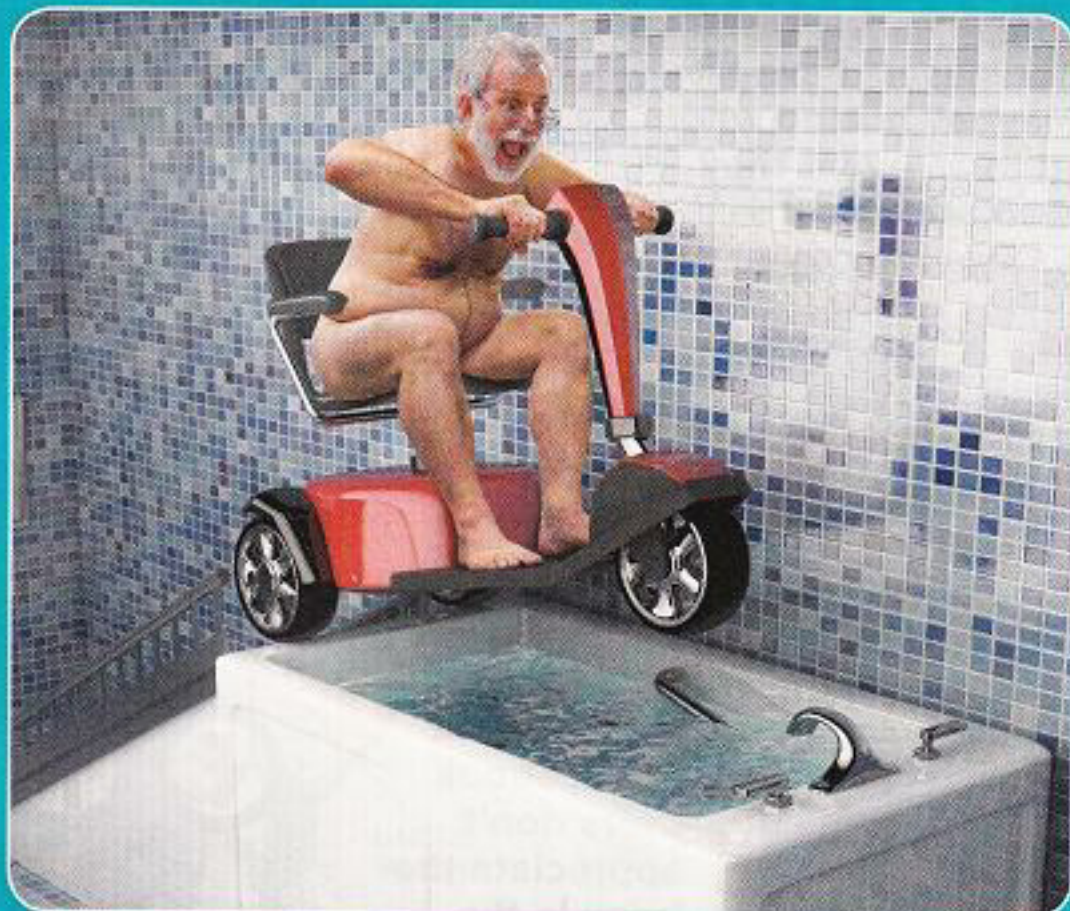
We should probably order a pizza!





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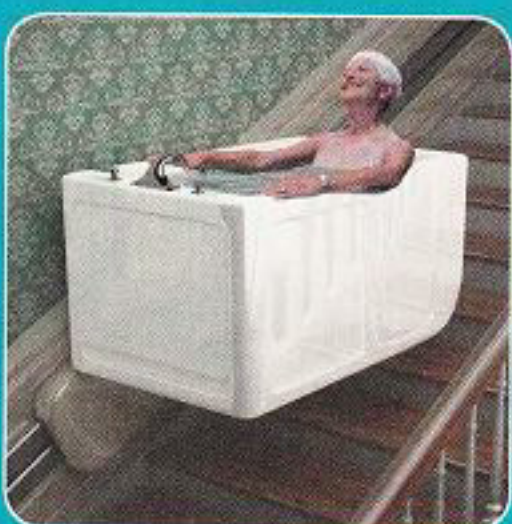
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*You remember a time when they didn't have to put "Made in the USA" on anything, because back then, EVERYTHING was made in the USA! But not TODAY! Damn country's going to HELL!*

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Facebook knows everything about you (yes, including the incident that led to the lifetime ban from Build-a-Bear). But how much do YOU know about Facebook? Friendship can't be a one-way street — so brush up with these...

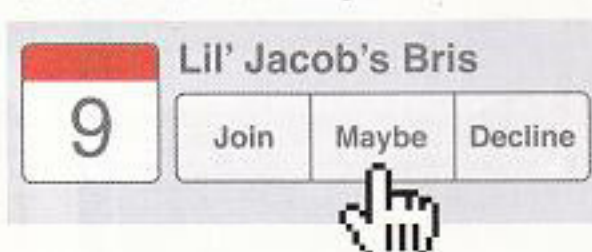
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**When it debuted in 2006, Facebook's mobile app finally offered people with phones a way to communicate.**



**2.9 million**

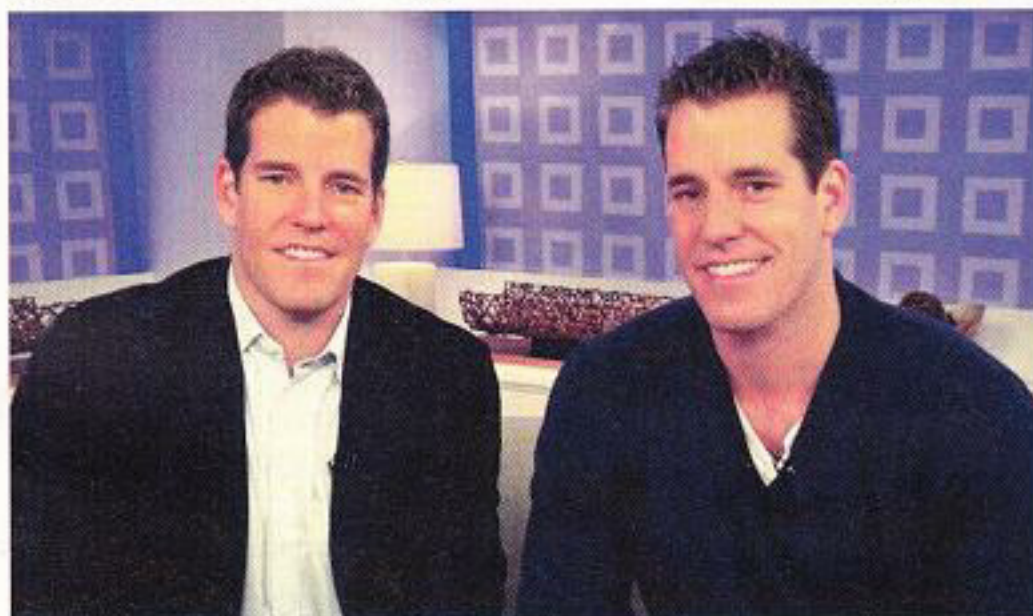
Facebook users have hit the "Maybe" button when invited to an event they had absolutely no intention of ever attending.



Facebook's "Places" feature gives people all of the information they need to avoid y



**Because they're good-looking and rich, no one cares that the Winklevoss twins were screwed by Mark Zuckerberg.**



**88%**

of Facebook users don't appreciate the irony in the phrase "Facebook Privacy Policy."



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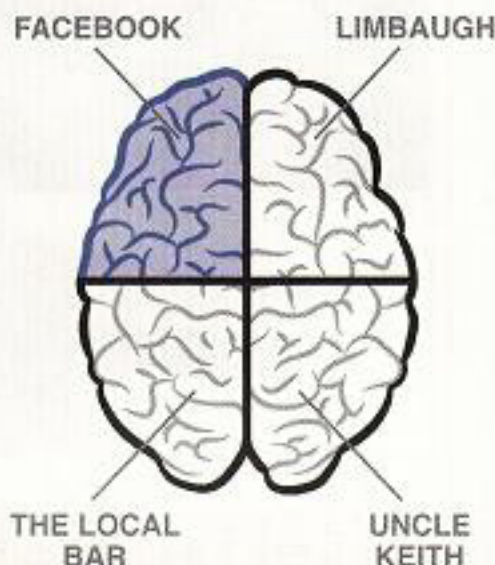


# Facebook Facts



**23%**

of Americans use Facebook as their primary source of factually inaccurate news.



Before Facebook, no one ever thought of calling a picture of a turkey sandwich "content."



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Facebook has single-handedly made wishing someone "Happy Birthday" totally meaningless.



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**99%**

of Facebook users have posted something in the last week that makes them unelectable for public office.

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**6.7 million**

people have posted a flattering comment about a baby photo that they actually thought was hideous.



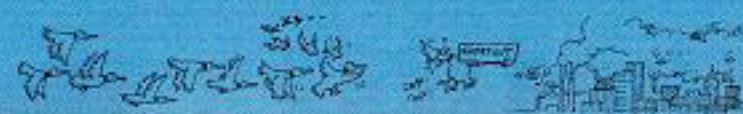
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# PLANET TAD!!!!



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OCTOBER 2, 2014



Today I made a little animated movie in the margins of my notebook, showing two narwhals re-enacting the lightsaber battle from the end of "Star Wars".

I showed it to my mom, and she said, "Wow. Where did you find the time to do this?" And I said, "During my second study hall." And she said, "Wait: Why do you have two study halls? That shouldn't be."

Uh-oh.



OCTOBER 3, 2014



My mom called the school today and found out that I have two study halls because of a scheduling mix-up — I was supposed to be enrolled in an arts class, and they forgot to put me in one. Most of the classes are full, so I had to choose between just two options: **Chorus**, or **Industrial Arts**, which is just a fancy way of saying "wood shop".

My first thought was Chorus, because it seems pretty easy to sing. But then I went and talked to **Mrs. Goldberg**, the Chorus teacher, and she had me sing a little for her, to figure out what sort of singer I was. And after listening to me, she said, "Oh! You have such a beautiful, high voice! That's wonderful — we could use another soprano!"

There are a lot of things I could live down at school. But being a soprano in the chorus isn't one of them. So, I guess Industrial Arts it is. I figure it'll be easy — for one thing, I can assemble **IKEA** furniture pretty well, and I figure wood shop can't be too different from that. Plus, it's the favorite class of Doug Spivak, who's the least smart kid in our class. (He once cried when he found out that **Jurassic Park** wasn't a place you could actually go and visit. This was last year.)

OCTOBER 6, 2014



Today was my first day of wood shop. My teacher's name is **Mr. Petersen**, and he's sort of scary — he's got a beard and a bunch of tattoos and I don't think he ever smiles. He took me aside at the start of class and said, "Look, you're joining late, so I'll just fill you in: The first rule of my wood shop is, no horsing around. The second rule of my wood shop is, no horsing around. The third rule of my wood shop is, no horsing around. The fourth rule of my wood shop is—" And without even thinking, I said, "No horsing around?" And he looked super-annoyed and said, "No. The fourth rule is, always ask permission before using the jigsaw."

He then listed a bunch more rules, but by that time, I kind of stopped paying attention, because I just kept wondering: Why is "horsing around" shorthand for "goofing off"? Because



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Why do we say "eleven" and "twelve" and not "oneteen" and "twoteen"?



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17m

I wonder if there's a family out there with members named Grammy, Oscar, Emmy and Tony. There has to be, right?



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48m

I don't get the saying "don't put all your eggs in one basket". A basket seems like a really good place to put all your eggs.



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3h

The name "Wonder Woman" would be a good name for a superheroine who just asks questions about things.



FAVORITE SPORTS



## OCTOBER 7, 2014

I don't think Mr. Petersen likes me very much. Today in wood shop, he was telling everyone about different types of tools, and when he was talking about screwdrivers, Doug Spivak said, "Well, I'll try not to screw my project up!", and Mr. Petersen laughed and said, "Good one, Doug."

But then, a little later, he was showing us the awl, and I said, "Wow, I really look forward to giving my next project my awl!" And he just sort of stared at me, not smiling. And I said, "It's a joke. Because 'awl' sounds like 'all'." And he said, "I know."

## OCTOBER 13, 2014

So, in wood shop, we're starting on our first project: Making a birdhouse.

We started by nailing two boards together, which seemed really simple — I did it in, like, two seconds, and hammered them together a little extra just to make sure they wouldn't come apart. Mr. Petersen came around the room and checked our work, and when he got to me, he frowned and said, "Do me a favor. Pick that up and show it to me." And I said, "Okay!" And that's when I realized I'd nailed both pieces of wood to the table. I said, "I'm sorry. I'll take them apart." And Mr. Petersen said, "No, you've done enough already. Doug, come over and help me fix this."

It's really embarrassing when Doug Spivak has to come over and fix your mistakes.

## OCTOBER 15, 2014

Got sent to the principal today by Mr. Petersen. It wasn't my fault. He was talking about the importance of craftsmanship, and to illustrate it, he was telling us about how he once made a stool. And I remembered that "stool" is another way of saying "poop", which kind of cracked me up. And I tried keeping it together, but after about ten minutes of listening to him talk about how he was really proud of his stool, and how the important thing about a stool is its firmness and durability, and that a good stool should have a glossy finish and no nails poking out of it, I just lost it.

He made me leave, and as I left, I saw Doug Spivak shaking his head, and I had a horrible realization: I'm the Doug Spivak of wood shop.

## OCTOBER 25, 2014

Well, I have bad news and good news. The bad news is, Mr. Petersen figured it out right away. When he came around to grade our birdhouses, he barely even looked at mine and said, "Nice try."

I said, "How'd you know?" And he said, "Well, this is made out of cedar, and you were only given pine. And the edges are beveled, which I haven't shown you how to do yet. Plus, the joints are glued, instead of nailed. And this is covered with a commercial-grade lacquer." And I said, "You could tell all that just by looking at it?" And he said, "Yep. Also, you left the price tag on the bottom." I asked if he was going to turn me in to the principal, and he said, "No. Honestly, catching someone cheating at wood shop is just too sad to even report. Just...just go."

Anyway. If anyone wants to see me sing with the chorus, we're having a concert next Wednesday. I've been given a big solo. It's "I Am Woman".

## OCTOBER 9, 2014

Mr. Petersen took away my "question-asking privileges" in wood shop today. In my defense, I think it's totally fair to ask why sawdust is called "sawdust", because the dust doesn't come from the saw, it comes from the wood. It should be called "plankdust".

## OCTOBER 23, 2014

I've been working on my birdhouse for a week and I can't get it to look right. Nailing things together is a lot harder than it looks. I wouldn't even call what



WHAT MY BIRDHOUSE SHOULD LOOK LIKE

WHAT MY BIRDHOUSE ACTUALLY LOOKS LIKE

I've made a birdhouse. It's, like, a birdshack.

I don't even know why we're being forced to make birdhouses. If I ever needed a birdhouse, I'd just go buy one in a store.

Hang on. I just had an idea.

## OCTOBER 24, 2014

Did you know you could buy a birdhouse at Target for \$5 that looks exactly like the one we're supposed to be making?

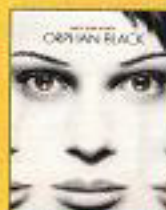
### Rollerball

### Whackbat

### BASEketball

### 43-Man Squamish

## LIKES



Orphan Black



The Blacklist



Black Widow

## DISLIKES



Black Licorice



Black Eyed Peas



Black Mold

## PLACES

### Tad visited:

- Home
- Shop Class
- Target
- Gymboree (with little sister, against his will)







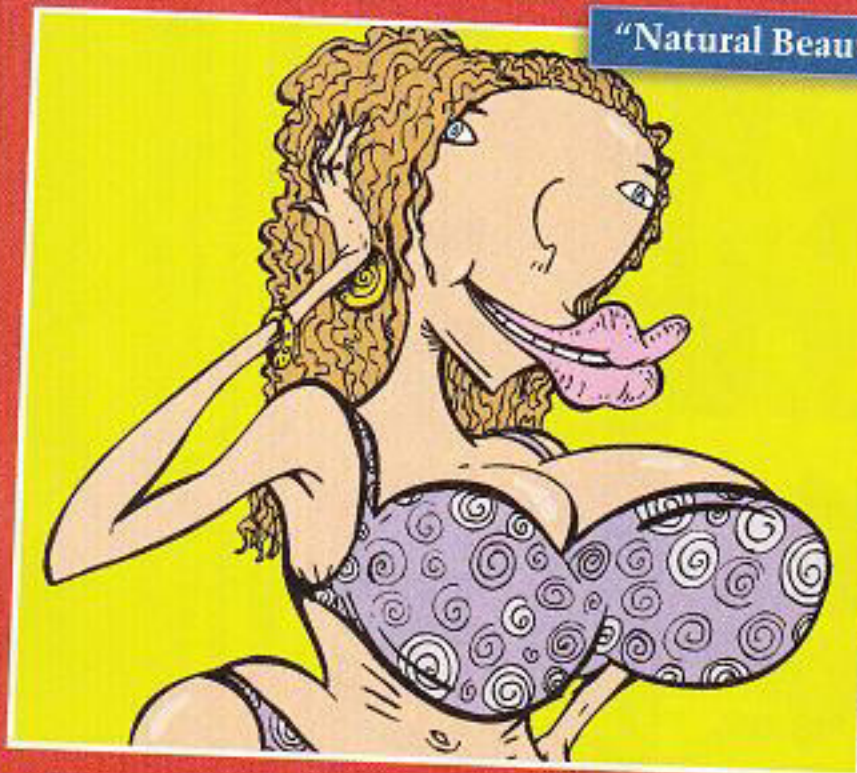
The English language is constantly evolving — and that means some phrases become extinct! For example, when was the last time someone mentioned a “dial-up modem” or “corporal punishment”? Yes, we just mentioned them, but you get the idea, so just shut up! Anyway, let’s have a moment of silence for...

“Off the Clock”



# Phrases That Left the English Language in 2014

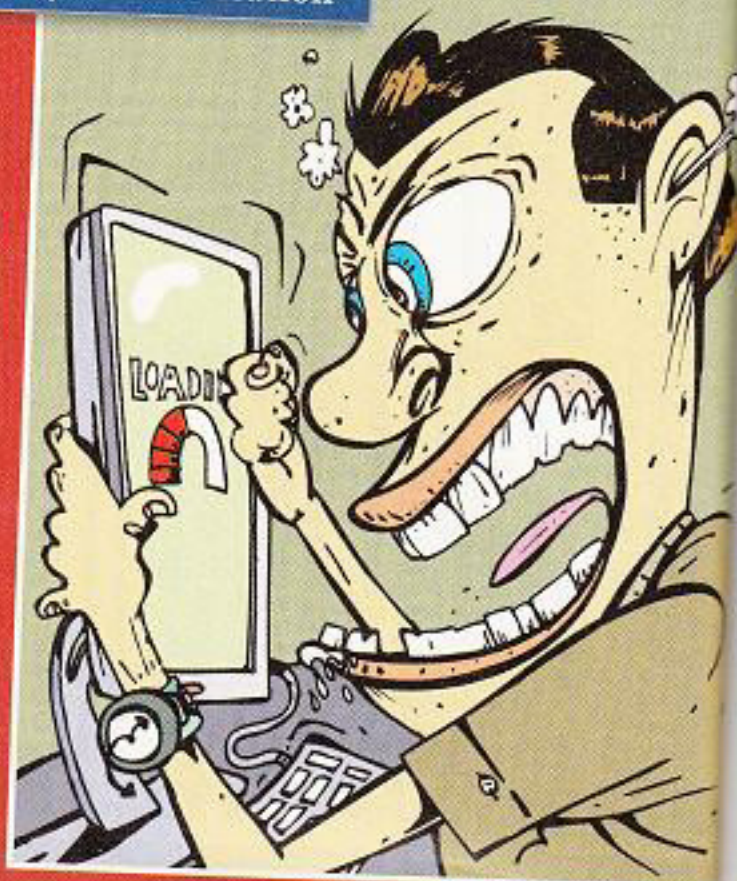
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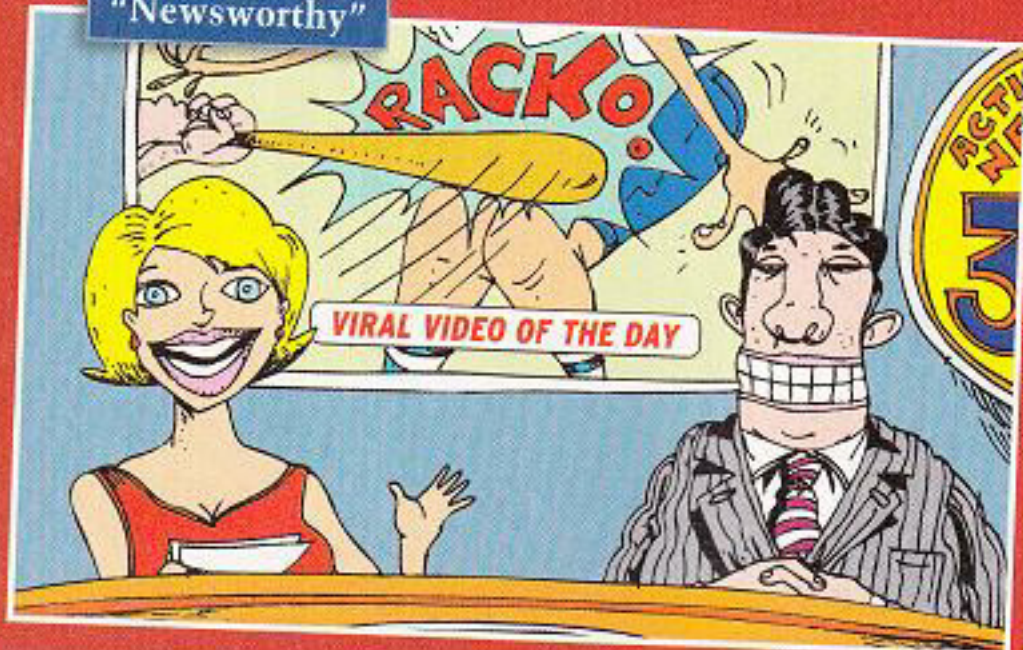
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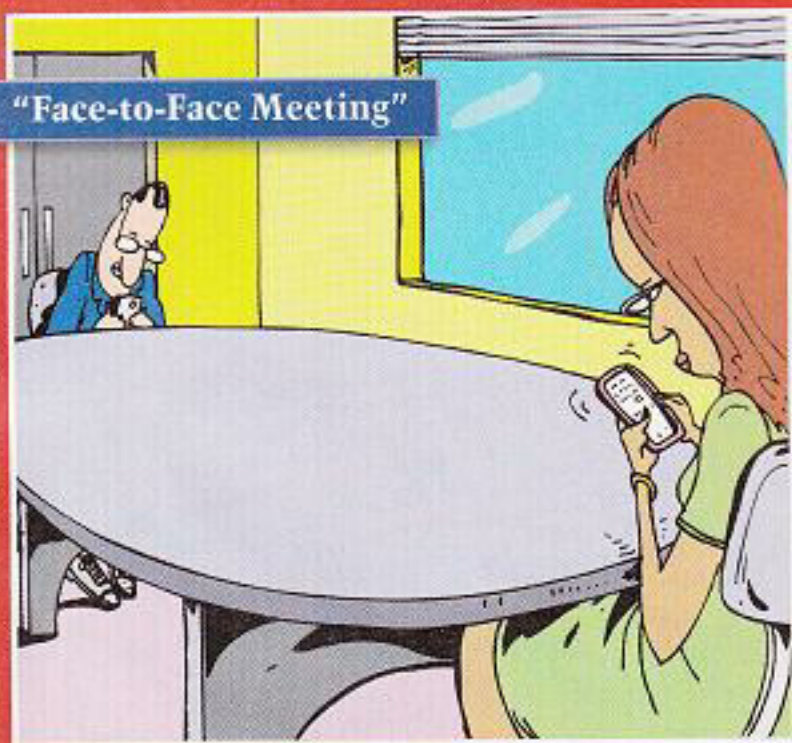


“Newsworthy”





"Face-to-Face Meeting"



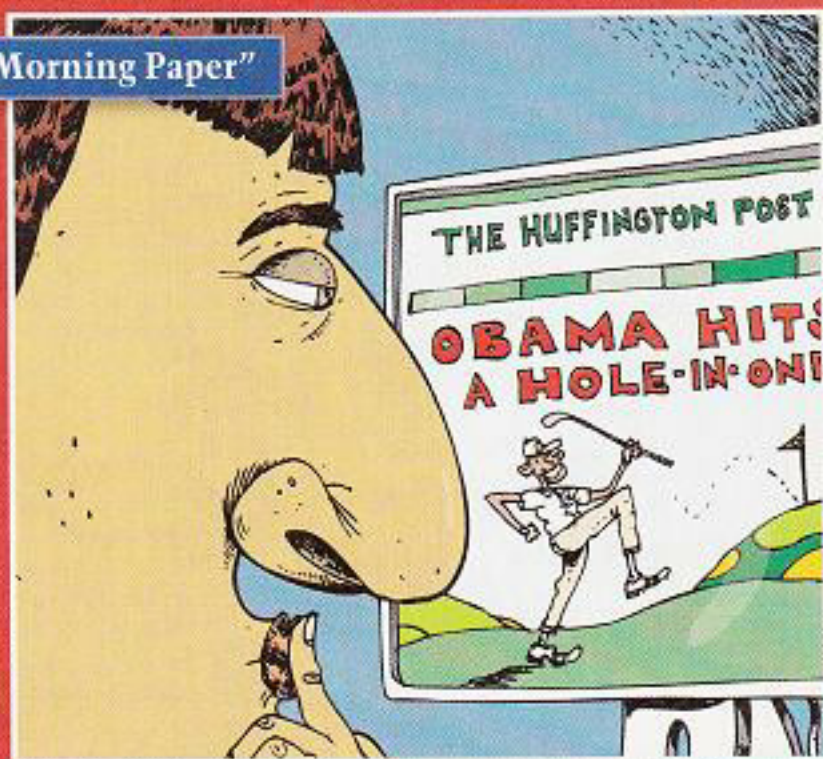
"Living Wage"



"Professional Photographer"



"Morning Paper"



"Playing Hard-to-Get"



"Exchange of Ideas"



WRITER: MATT LASSEN ARTIST: KEVIN POPE



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### IMPORTANT DATES

1/5 ORC PRIDE PARADE

3/23 TAKE YOUR DWARF TO WORK DAY

5/26 GOLLUM'S BAR MITZVAH

7/28 MIDDLE EARTH EARTH DAY

9/1 BULK RECYCLING DAY — MORDOR

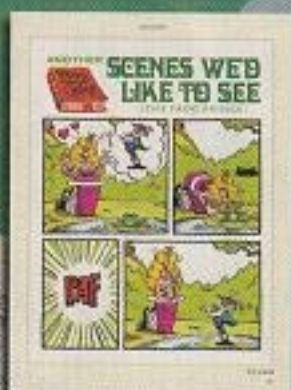
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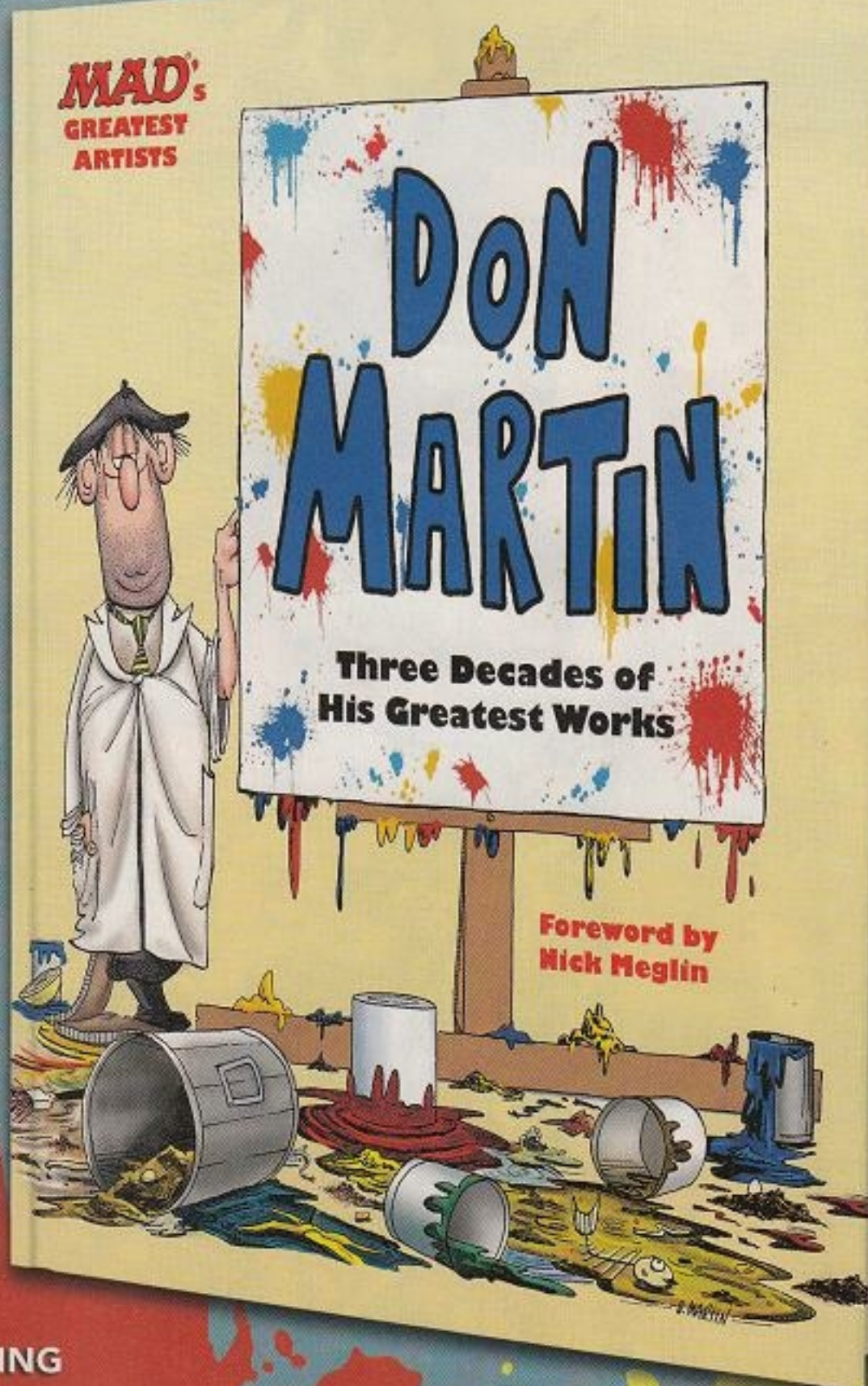


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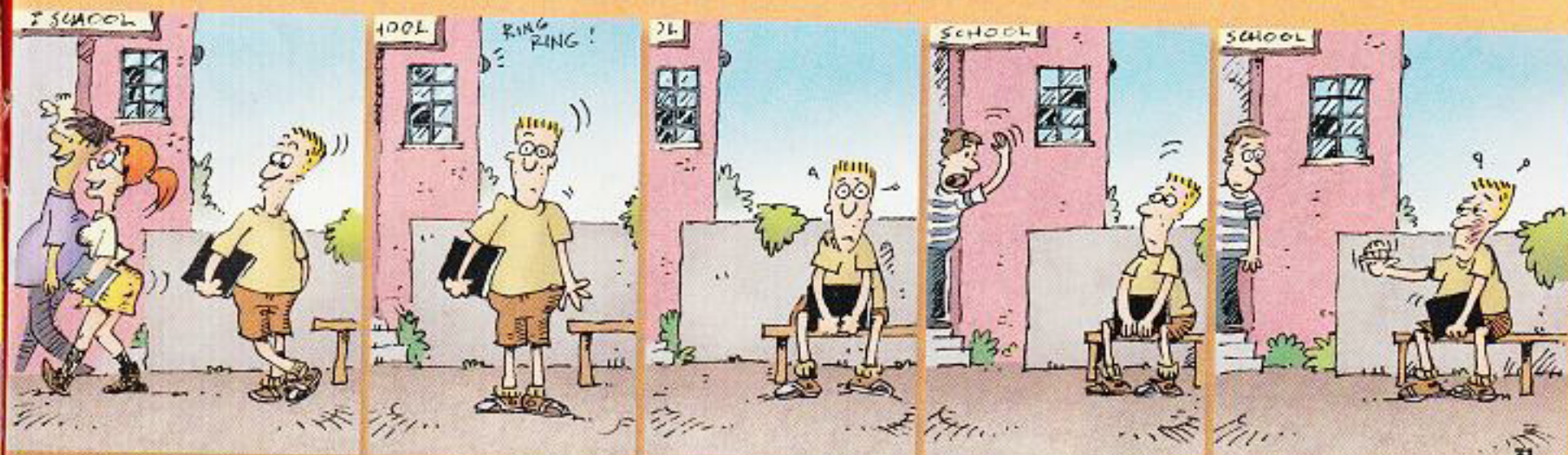
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# A MAD LOOK AT PUBERTY



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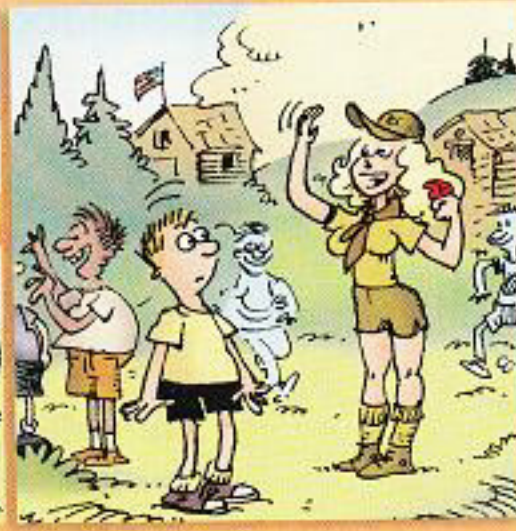
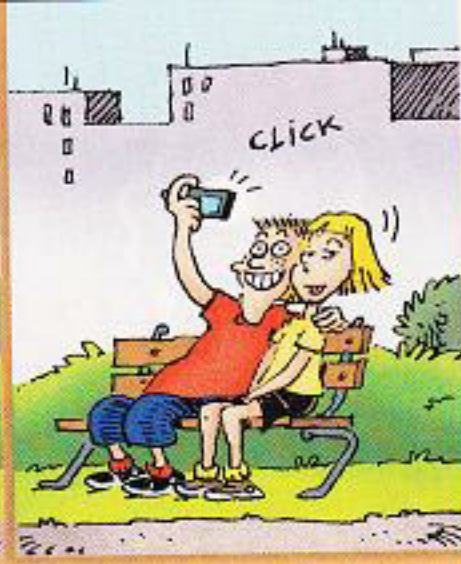
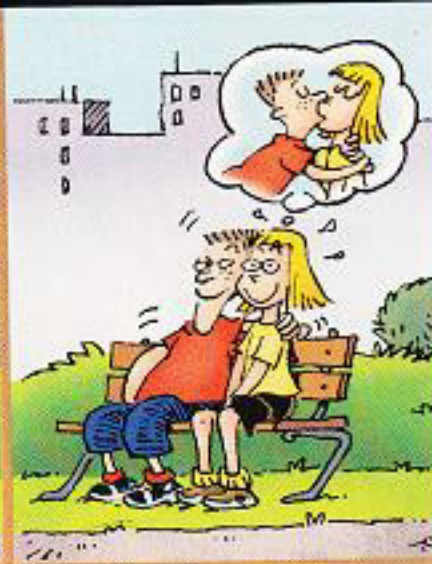
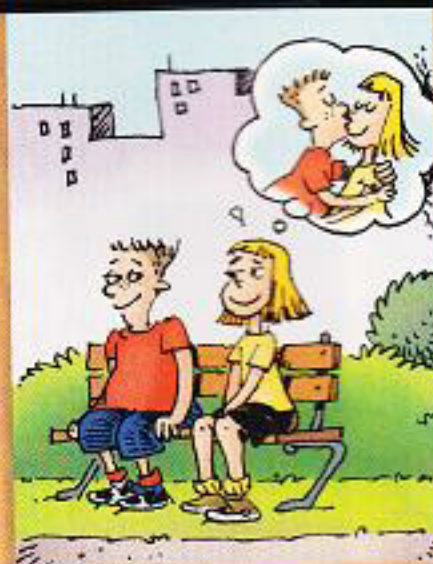
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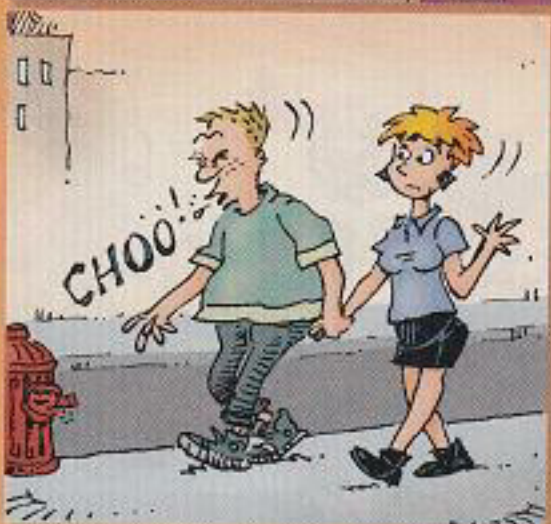
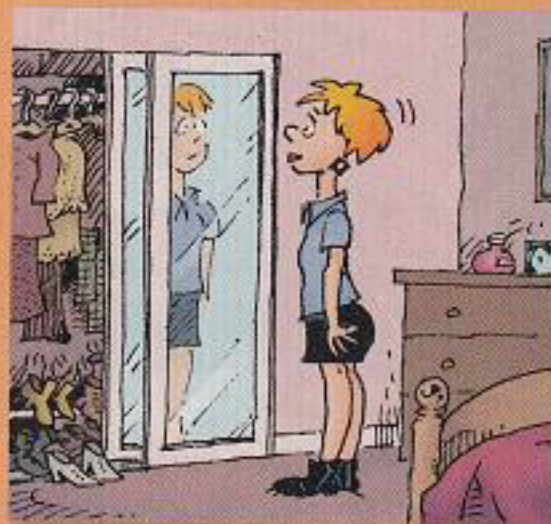














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## ONLY IN THE MIDDLE



...does the sound of a dripping faucet make us realize how effective the old "Chinese Water Torture" must have been.



...do we feel compelled to figure out how rich we'd be today if we'd bought stock in a silicon chip company when it first went into business.



...can minor gas pains, a twinge from an ingrown nose hair and the discomfort of tight pajama pants all seem like the symptoms of some fatal disease.



ARTIST: HARRY NORTH



...are we certain that we'll lose our minds if we can't remember the name of the little dog in the old "Petticoat Junction" TV show.



...are we seized with inconsolable grief when we recall how our parents wouldn't let us keep that puppy that followed us home back in 1973.



...does it suddenly seem extremely likely that we dropped an important letter down a mail chute that day without putting a stamp or return address on it.



# LE OF THE NIGHT...



...does the cat become so fastidious that she has to kick up her litter box for at least twenty minutes after doing her thing.



...can hunger pangs become so intolerable that we'll eat the only thing left in the house: uncooked spaghetti.



...does it suddenly become apparent that the dress we'd put back on the rack was far more flattering than the one we actually bought and was now being extensively altered.

WRITER: TOM KOCH



...does a car engine idling nearby offer all the proof we need that a burglar has left his motor running while he's ransacking our house.



...does something regularly set off a neighborhood store's burglar alarm that no one ever comes to investigate.



...do we realize that taking the bus home from school that afternoon was a stupid mistake...considering the fact that we'd rode our bike to school that morning.



# ONLY IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT...



...is it impossible to flush a toilet without having the plug inside the tank get stuck so the water keeps running until we get up again...and remove the lid...and fix it.



...do we suddenly remember all the final exam answers that we should have remembered twelve hours before.



...do we discover that we've carefully hung our new mirror in the perfect spot for the street light to reflect directly in our eyes.



...do we think of the clever retort we should've made to that idiot who screamed at us that afternoon for daydreaming after the light turned green.



...do we get a stabbing toothache that remains intolerable until two minutes before the dentist's office opens...when it miraculously disappears.

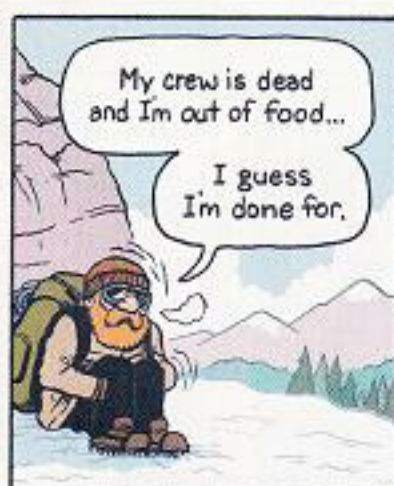


...do we clearly recall giving a restaurant cashier a twenty-dollar bill—and only getting back change for a ten.





# THE STRIP CLUB



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# WHAT IF DOG WAS ONE OF US?

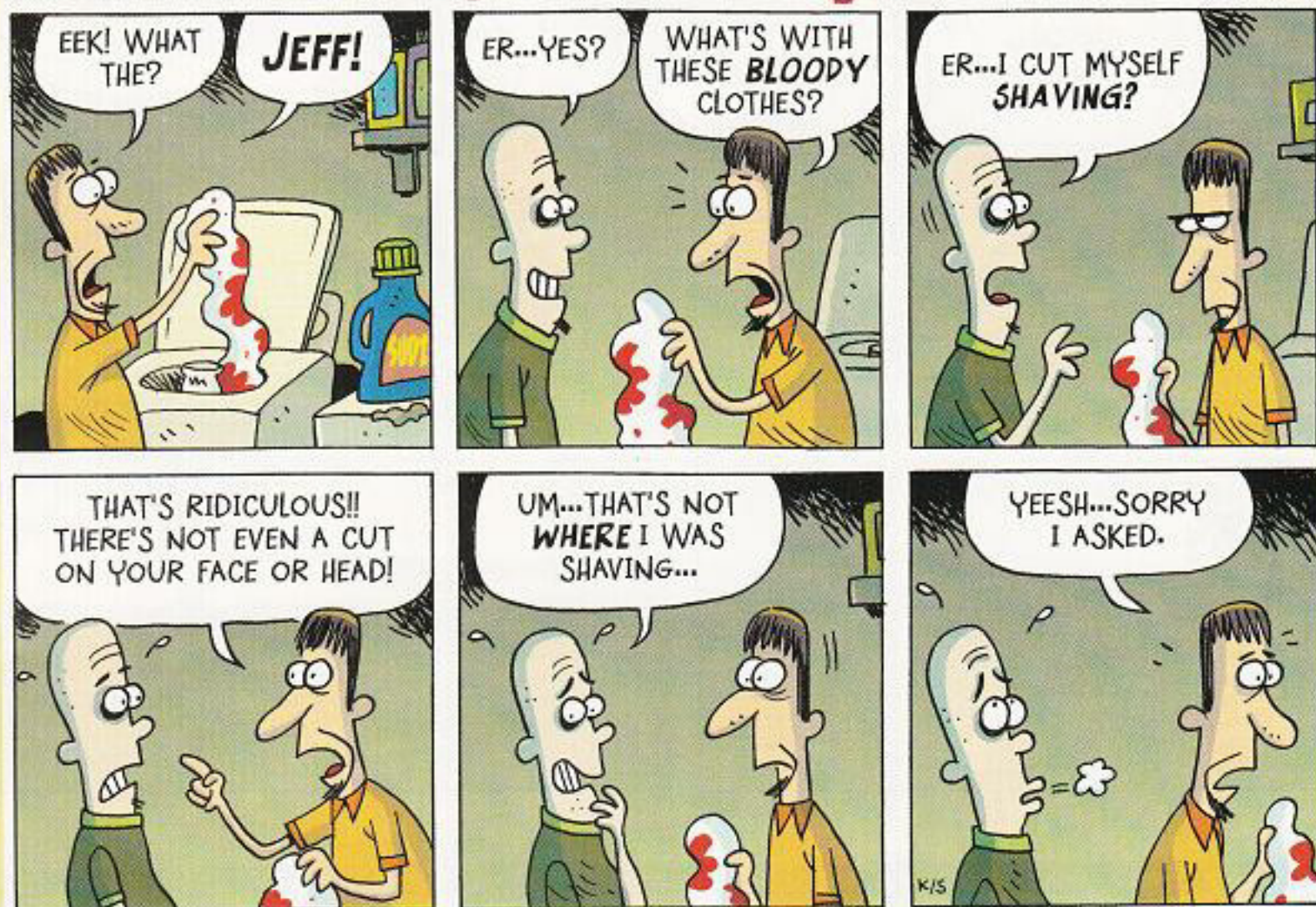






BOX BROWN

# WTF, JEFF? or My Roommate Might Be a Serial Killer



KIT LIVELY &amp; SCOTT NICKEL



HOW'S MY DRIVING?

ARR, YE MUTINOUS TRAITORS GOT ANY LAST REQUESTS BEFORE YE MEET YOUR DOOM AT SEA?

YEAH, I DO! KISS MY BUTT!

SIR, ACCORDING TO PIRATE CODE, YOU MUST GRANT A PRISONER'S FINAL REQUEST.

ARRR...

ONE MINUTE LATER...

BLEECH! NOW INTO THE SEA WITH YA, WHERE YOU'LL BE TORN TO BITS BY THE SHARKS.

AND YOU?!

HMM... I'D LIKE TO BE MADE CAPTAIN. THAT WAY, I CAN CHARGE YOU WITH MUTINY.

HE'S GOT YOU THERE, SIR.

HA!

BUT SINCE MUTINY IS PUNISHABLE BY DEATH AT SEA, OUR OLD CAPTAIN GETS A LAST REQUEST.

OH CRAP.

IN YARRR FACE!

WELL?

HMM... LET'S SEE...

I KNOW! KISS HIS BUTT!

ONE MINUTE LATER...

OH, THAT WAS GROSS! HE'S SO OLD AND HAIRY! HAW HAW HAW!!

GAHH! BLAHH!!

PTOO! AACK!

ARR, THE LOOK ON YOUR FACE! HAW HAW! TOTALLY WORTH IT!

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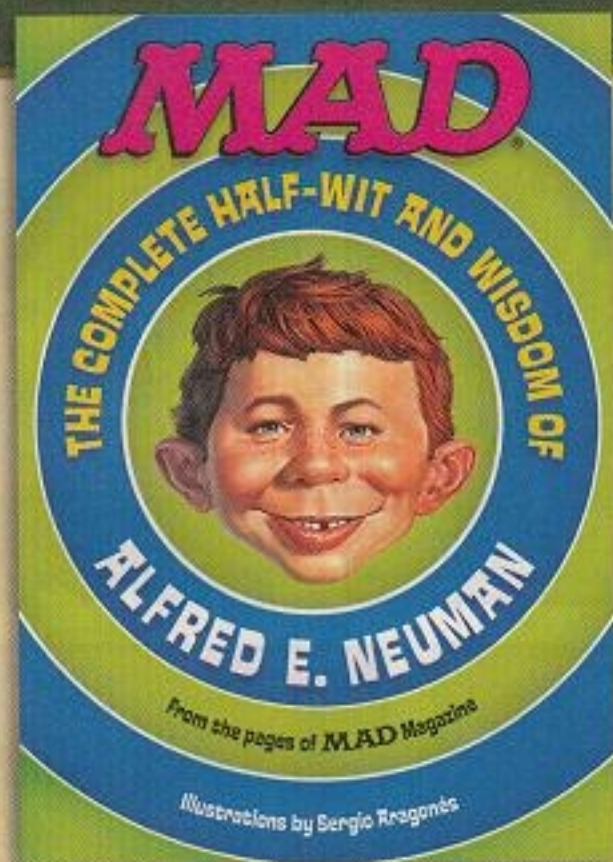
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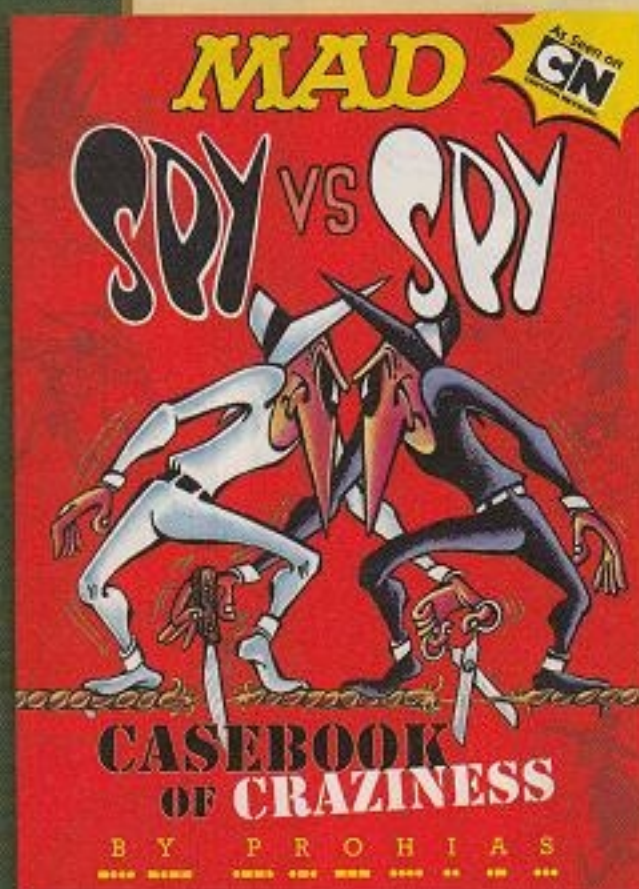
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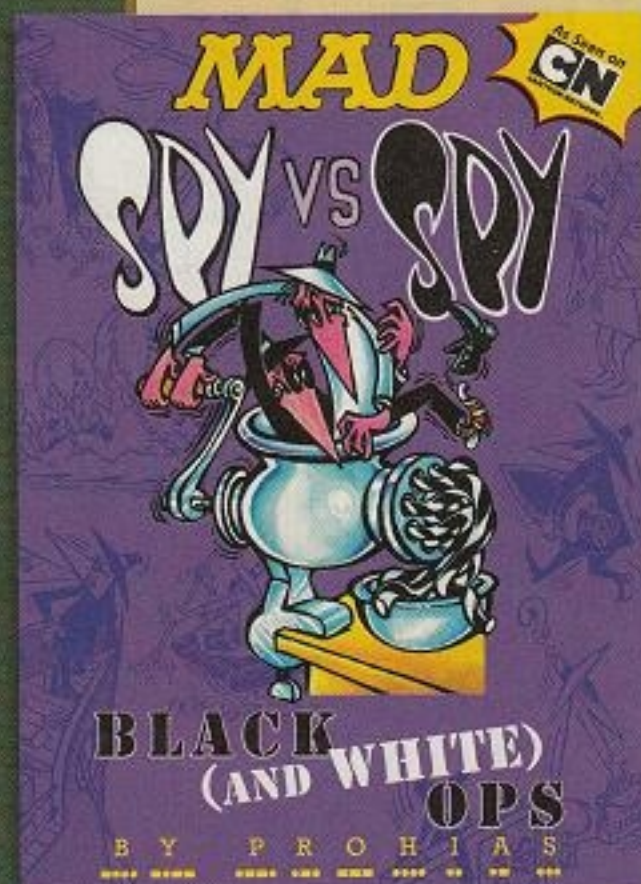
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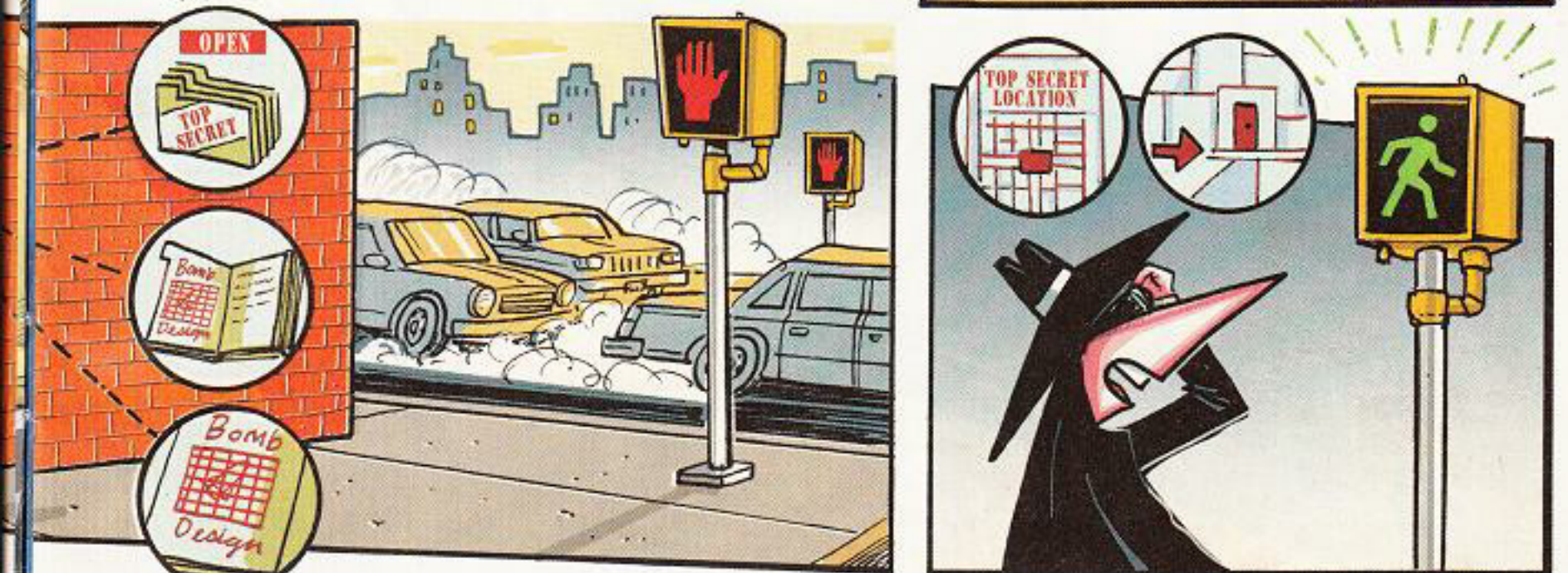
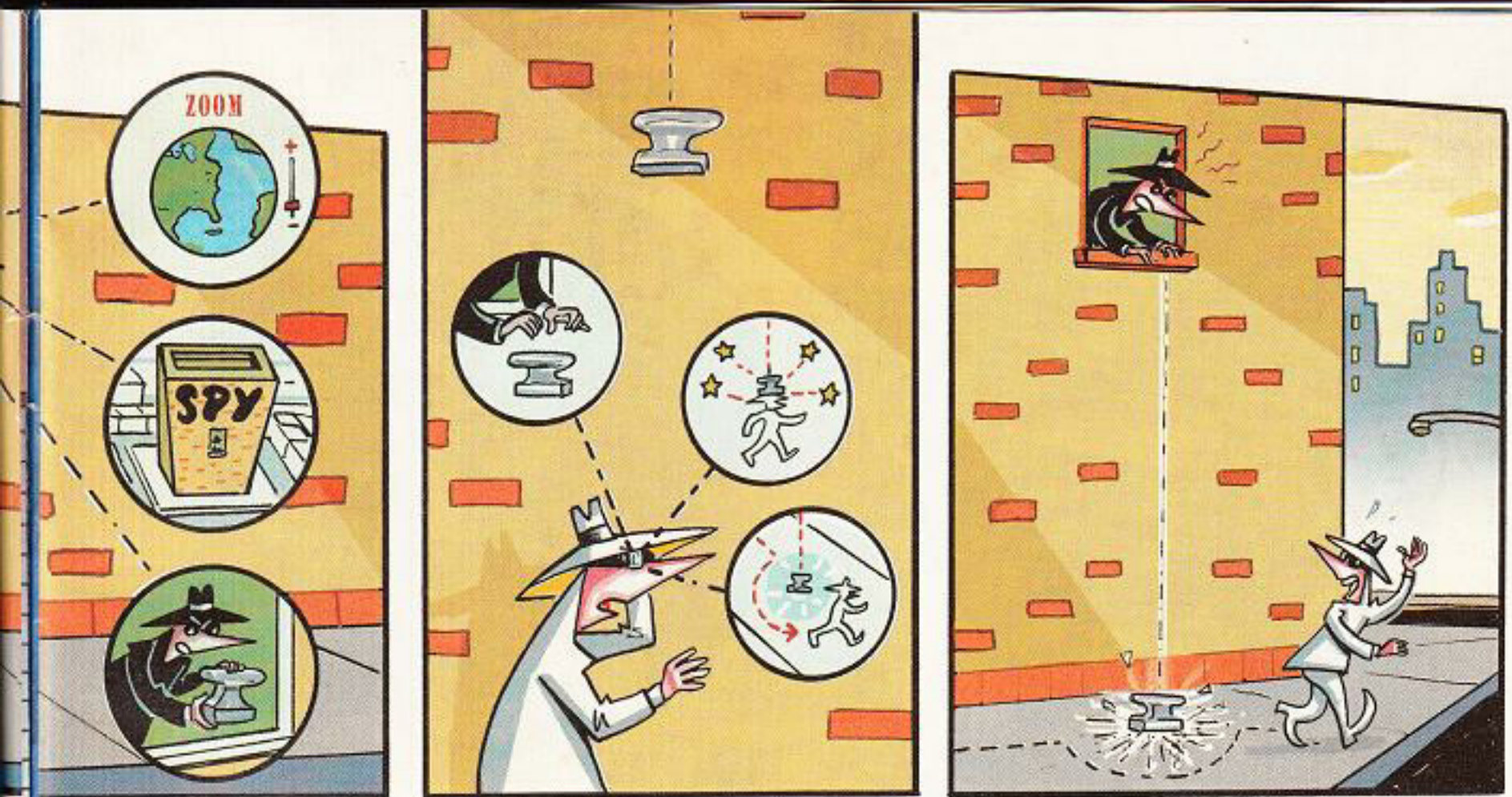




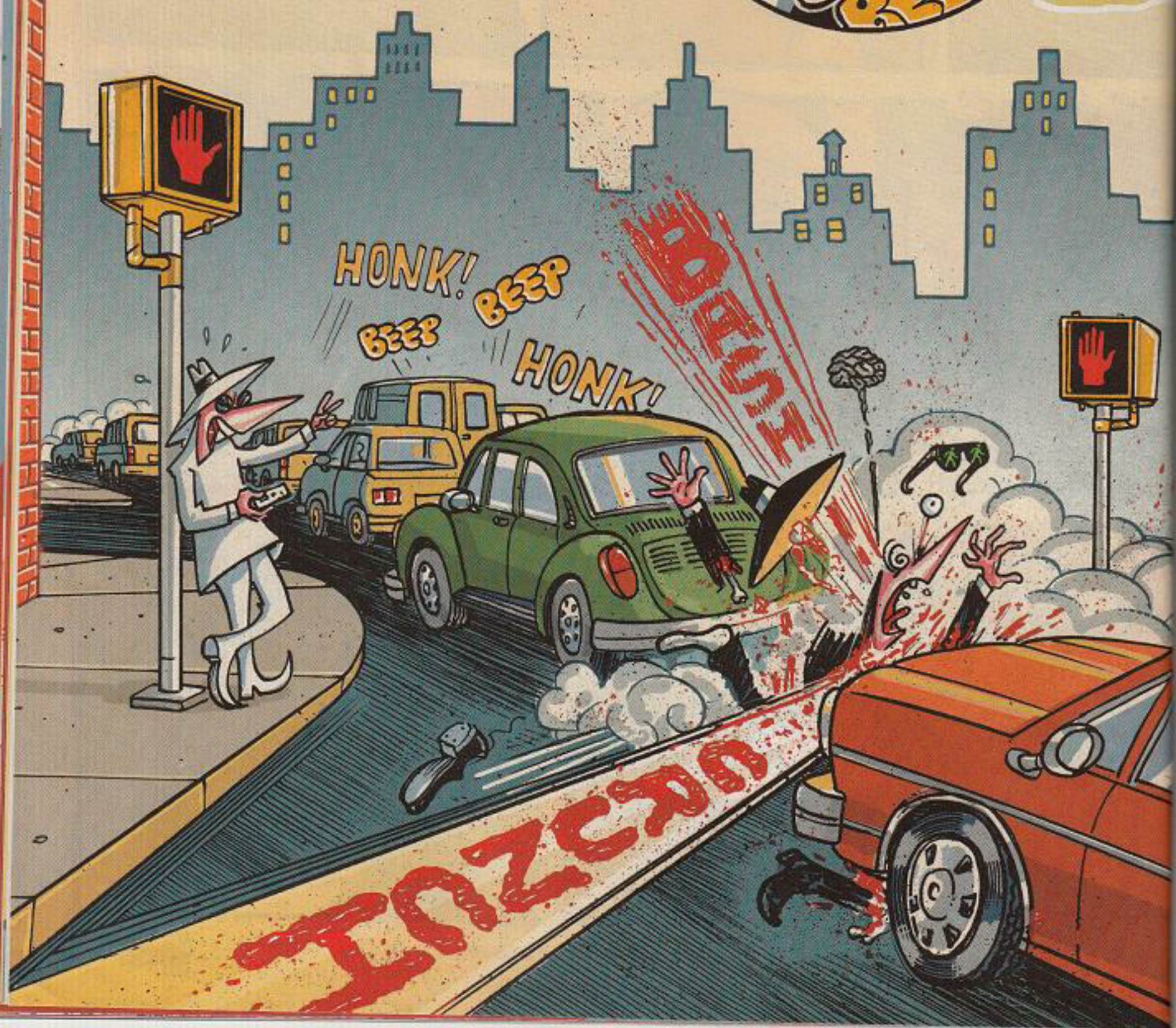
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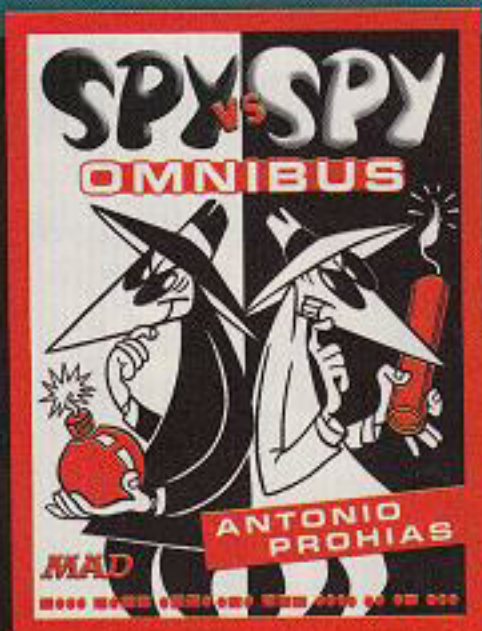
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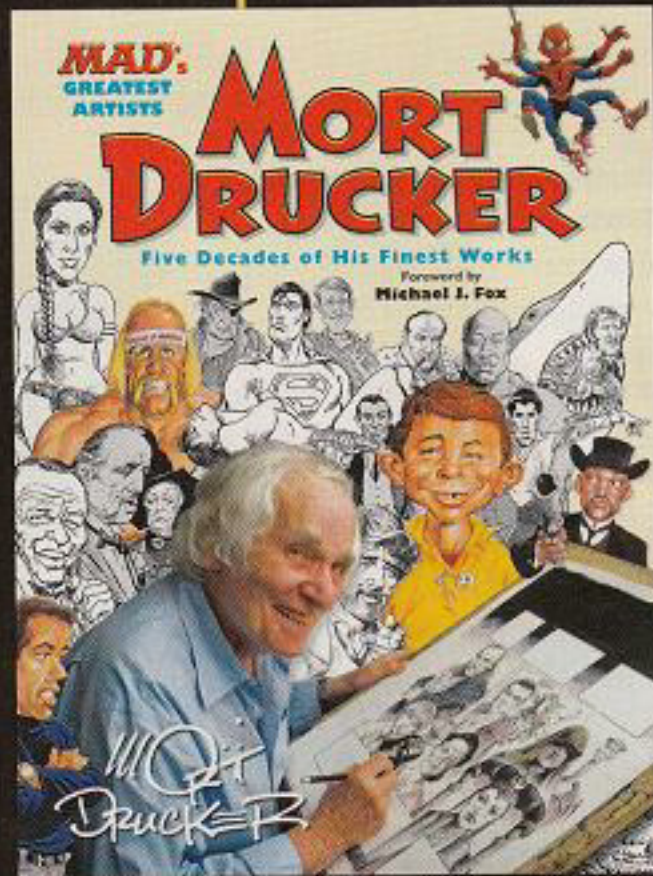
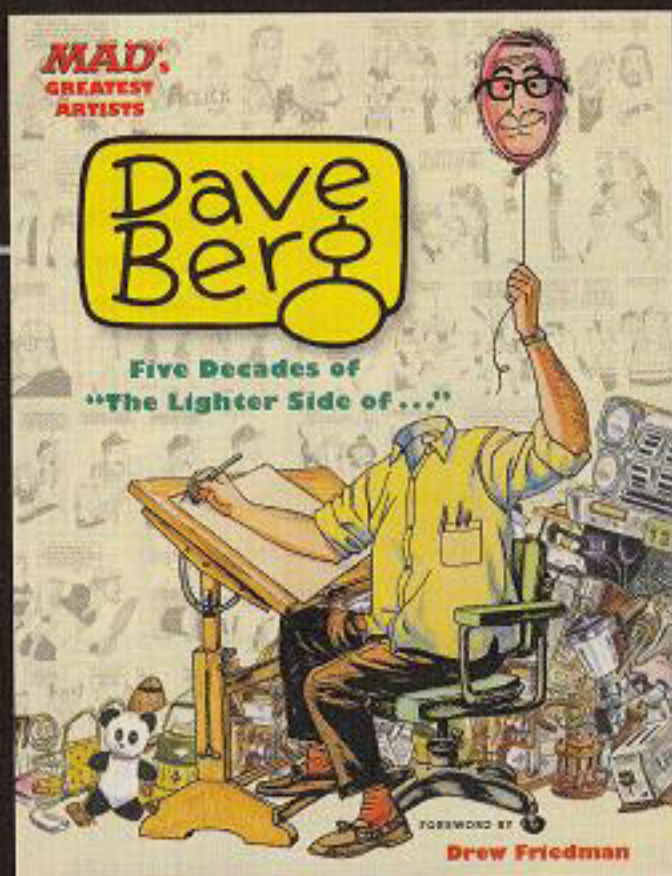


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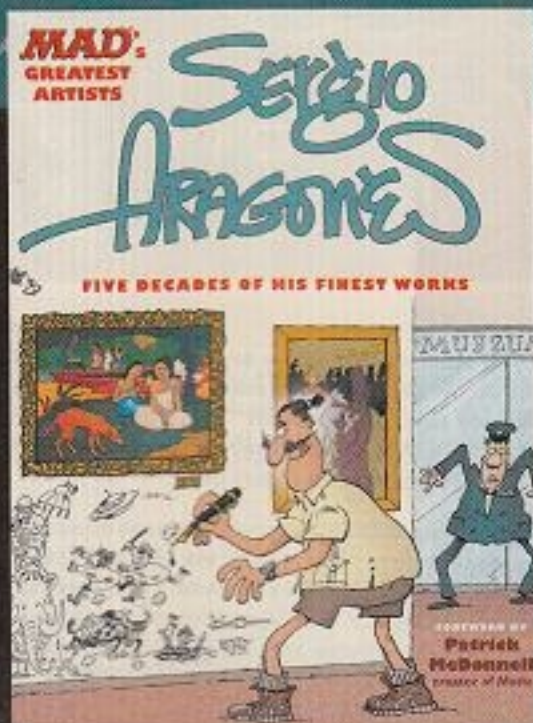


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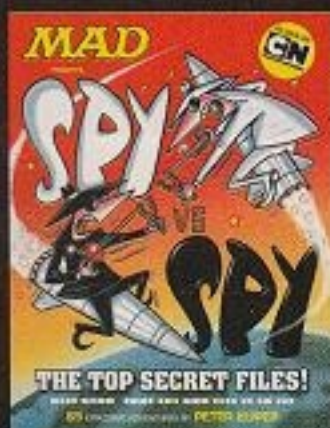


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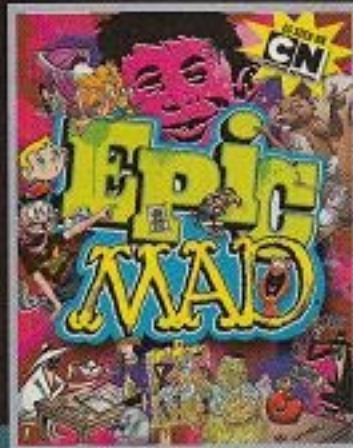
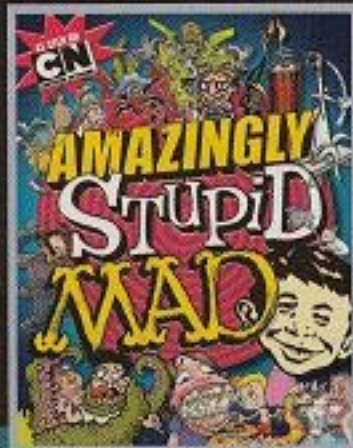
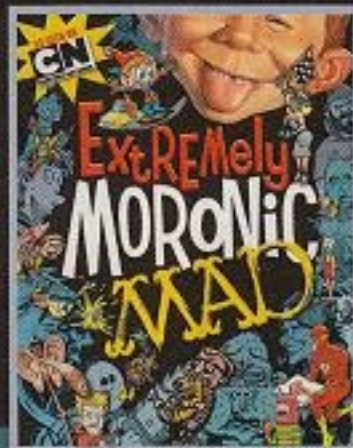
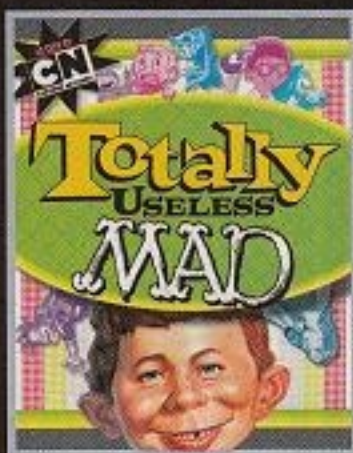
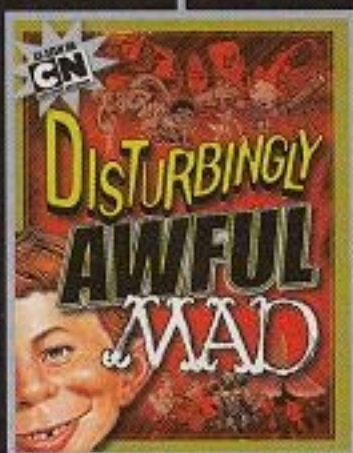
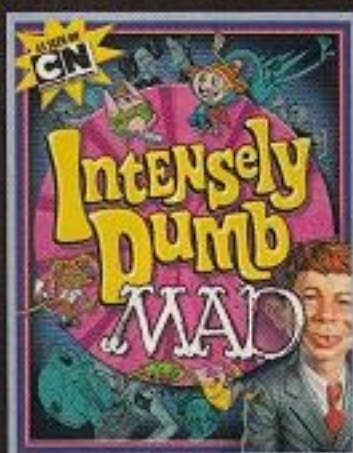
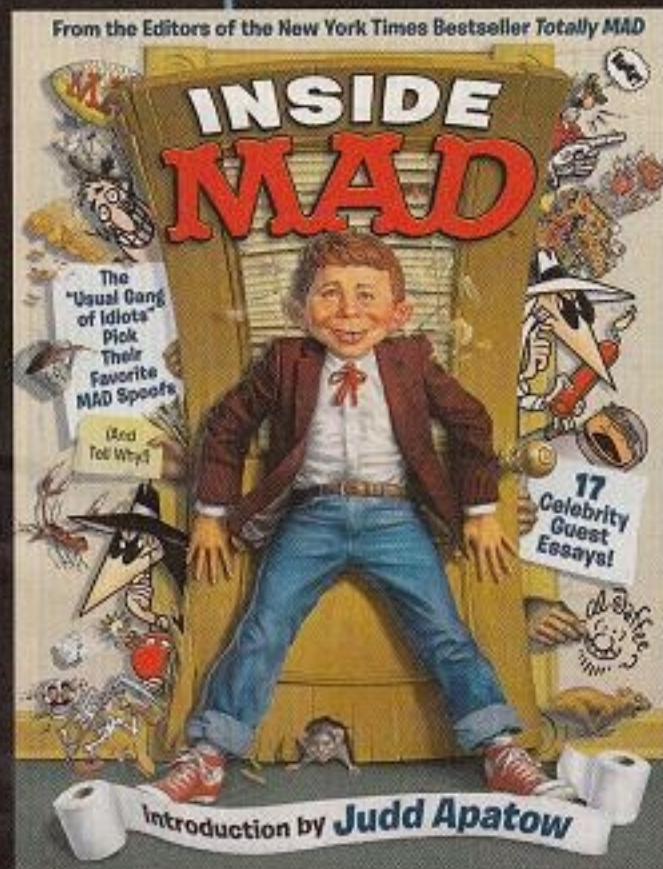


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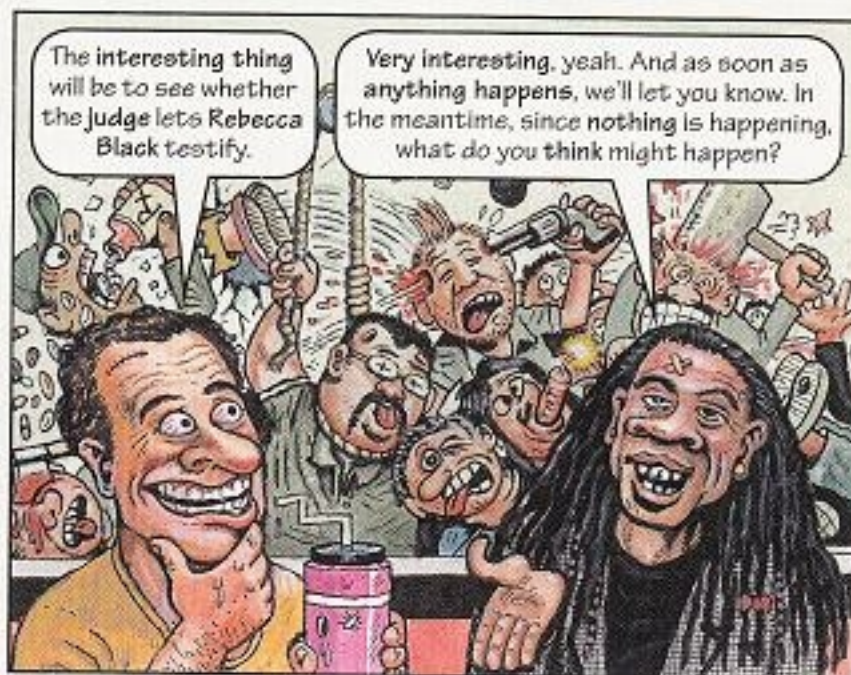
They're snarky! They're fast-paced! They're Access Hollywood with Tourette Syndrome! They're sure-fire signs of the apocalypse — and the source of another installment of...

# MAD De TVTalks

-60:00

TMZ on TV presents itself as a tasty banquet of deliciously spicy gossip. But first, you're invited to choke down a full hour of a stale, bloated appetizer: *TMZ Live*, co-hosted by AARP Ralph Malph and Suburban Busta Rhymes — better known as Harvey Levin and Whoever That Guy Is.

When it comes to production values, they've pulled out all the stops: they've stopped using a script, they've stopped using production design and they've stopped using professional camerawork. It's just two catty dudes on stools rambling about the celebrity minutiae they're going to repeat on the real TMZ show. For...an...hour. Their conversation has the depth of a drunken tweet with 140,000,000 characters.



-42:50

To add some excitement, the cameras occasionally cut away to some guy who's standing 15 feet away from Harvey. Or if it's an extra-special day, a full segment has been sold to a sponsor. You haven't lived until you've seen a seven-minute interview with Chester Cheetah about his top five most "Crunchtastic" stars.



-23:35

If you start dozing off — and you will — do what families do on extended car rides and play a game: count how many times Harvey says variations of "The thing that's going to be interesting is..." or "It will really be interesting to see..." Ignore the logical conclusion: what is interesting is not here.

Only one thing is more insipid than Harvey's vacuous meanderings: the sub-moronic comments from the public via Skype! Watch some shut-in give Miley Cyrus career advice! Listen to a teenage boy give notes on how *Batman v Superman* should be filmed! See a woman in a soupstained Broncos t-shirt criticize Iggy Azalea's wardrobe!



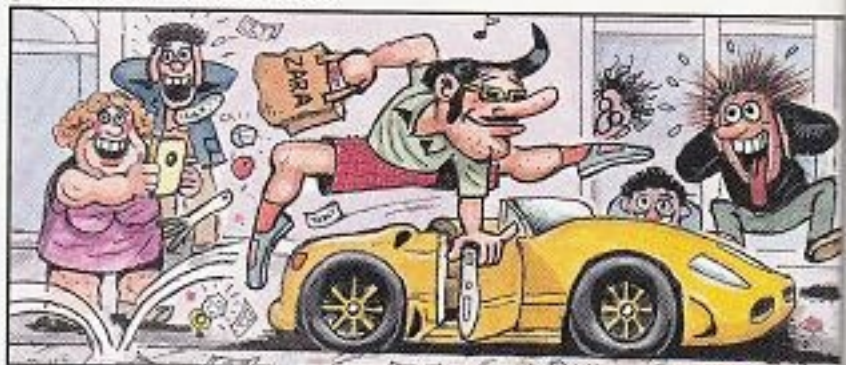
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Are the fan comments always uninsightful? Absolutely. Do the Skype connections look like they've been run through a 1960s Soviet Soyuz spacecraft? Always. But they deliver something critical: "Anybody could do this sh\*t" is the hammer Harvey uses to keep his underpaid staff of cubicle jockeys meek and scared, knowing that their mindless chatter can be replaced tomorrow by any yutz with a 17-dollar fiber-optic cable.



0:00

Time for the real show! And time for the "Coming up!" opening teaser, where they take a few upcoming segments and boil them down in a futile attempt to make you think this episode of *TMZ on TV* might be different in any way from the previous 1,600. You won't BELIEVE who walked to their car and then got into their car this week!





# constructs shows

**TMZ** LIVE and **TMZ** ON TV

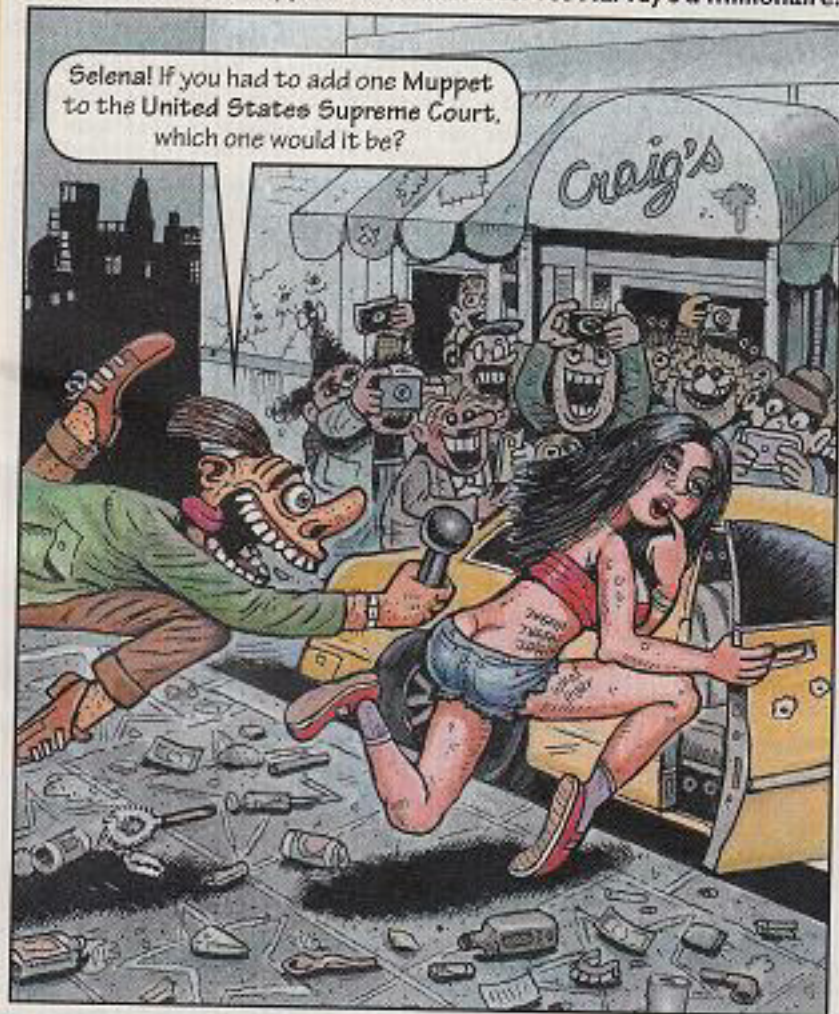
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Say hello to Harvey's Nineteen Dwarves. They all moved to Los Angeles to become famous actors and actresses. But Plan A didn't work out. And neither did Plan B, Plan C, or Plans D through H. And the open porn auditions went badly. So now they sit around making fun of real actors and actresses.



2:05

It's the inane, subtitled celebrity street interview! The TMZ trademark is the dumb hit-and-run question shouted at the famous. Sure, the questions make no sense. But it's not like it makes the slightest bit of sense for a "Field Camera Operator" to stand outside a nightclub for five hours, waiting for Selena Gomez to make a 15-second walk to her limo — or for anybody to care what happens when she does. Yet Harvey's a millionaire!



2:20

The unsung hero of TMZ on TV is its invisible announcer. He's the guy who blew the Nickelodeon audition for Fred because his voice was deemed too irritating. As he punches home each lame joke with an ungodly screech, forcing his narration to rise and drop two octaves 15 times per half-hour, his testicles are rocketing up and recoiling down like a pair of paddleballs. His face is never shown on camera — due to the certainty that if his identity were known, he would be hunted down and slain.



3:55

Since their first video sneak attack was so utterly riveting, it's time for twelve more of them in a row! And you know you're in for something special when the target they've cornered requires a lengthy buildup explaining who, exactly, the "celebrity" is.







# The Best of The Idiotical

**TONIGHT!**  
**"THE KERR-FUFFLE IN IBIZA"**  
 TALE OF THE TAPE

**ORLANDO**  
**"BOOM BOOM"**  
**BLOOM**

VS.

**JUSTIN**  
**"KID BITCHFACE"**  
**BIEBER**



ORLANDO BLOOM  
 January 13, 1977  
 Kent, UK

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EGG-RELATED ARRESTS

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HIT MOVIES SINCE 2011

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HAUNTINGLY  
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CREEPLY  
WISPY

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NAMES REMEMBERED  
OF LAST 10 WOMEN  
HE'S SLEPT WITH

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LEGOLAS  
IN MOVIES

MOST UNBELIEVABLE ROLE

THUG

3

WEARS STUPID OUTFITS... TO JAMBA  
JUICE

8

PACKS OF CIGARETTES  
TRADED TO GET A POSTER  
OF HIM IN PRISON

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JUSTIN BIEBER  
 March 1, 1994  
 Ontario, Canada



## BURGER KING TAKES THE TAX DUCK-IT CHALLENGE



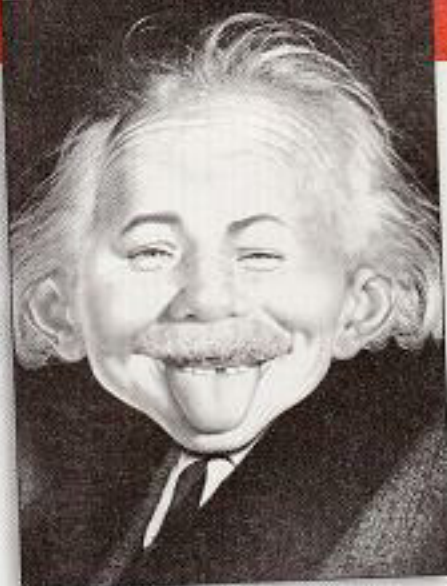
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# Obama's Latest Executive Order



## EXECUTIVE ORDER 804 BIRTHDAY WISHES

Whereas today is August 4, 2014, and

Whereas this date marks the 53rd birthday of Barack Hussein Obama, and

Whereas not a single individual in all of Washington D.C., with the possible exception of Bo, wishes to convey good wishes upon him

President Barack Hussein Obama does hereby, by Executive Order, wish himself a

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES  
THE WHITE HOUSE  
AUGUST 4, 2014

# What's Your Don Martin Sound Effect Name?



First letter of your first name:

<b>A:</b> Plam	<b>N:</b> Glank
<b>B:</b> Fump	<b>O:</b> Blidit
<b>C:</b> Plork	<b>P:</b> Glorp
<b>D:</b> Chonk	<b>Q:</b> Zweech
<b>E:</b> Gloop	<b>R:</b> Thork
<b>F:</b> Blorp	<b>S:</b> Ploop
<b>G:</b> Foop	<b>T:</b> Sklurk
<b>H:</b> Dang	<b>U:</b> Spash
<b>I:</b> Doont	<b>V:</b> Zingo
<b>J:</b> Fap	<b>W:</b> Bap
<b>K:</b> Floon	<b>X:</b> Thot
<b>L:</b> Groon	<b>Y:</b> Wunk
<b>M:</b> Zeem	<b>Z:</b> Oot

First letter of your last name:

<b>A:</b> Shabamp	<b>N:</b> Gashklitzka
<b>B:</b> Plortch	<b>O:</b> Kladwak
<b>C:</b> Fladip	<b>P:</b> Voomarooma
<b>D:</b> Beedoop	<b>Q:</b> Kachunka
<b>E:</b> Kalloon	<b>R:</b> Sloople
<b>F:</b> Shnikkle	<b>S:</b> Flork
<b>G:</b> Fleedle	<b>T:</b> Kwonk
<b>H:</b> Crugazunch	<b>U:</b> Ploip
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<b>J:</b> Flabadap	<b>W:</b> McPwaf
<b>K:</b> Gazikka	<b>X:</b> Patwang
<b>L:</b> Fashunk	<b>Y:</b> Fagroon
<b>M:</b> Foop	<b>Z:</b> Schloop





Back in 2006, we ran "Questions We'd Like to Ask the Turkey Hotline," and it was such a hit that we declined to run a sequel in 2007 — or 2008, or 2009, or any other year. But like watching the Detroit Lions or choking down Uncle Gary's hot dog stuffing, some Thanksgiving traditions must be revisited, no matter how unwelcome. So with that in mind, we dollop out another helping of

# Questions We'd Like to Ask the TURKEY HOTLINE

2014 EDITION

Is "giblets" pronounced with a soft or hard "g"? This year, I'm really hoping to avoid "The Argument."

We went with a ham this Thanksgiving but I feel like you and I really connected last year — so it's okay to call just to talk, right?

How is someone whose Thanksgiving meal is probably a lukewarm Hot Pocket and some stale microwave popcorn in an employee break room qualified to give me advice about properly cooking a turkey?

I need to get rid of my a-hole in-laws at a decent hour — can you call back around 8:00 and say there's a bomb in my house?

Can you recommend a nice little bed & breakfast in Istanbul's Güngören district? What do you mean, "This isn't that Turkey Hotline"?

We were invited to our neighbor's house for a turkey dinner with all the fixin's. We're here now and it's clearly a turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Should we be pissed?

Do you give less accurate advice if it's someone calling in from a homeless shelter or soup kitchen? Because they probably didn't pay for the turkeys, you know. I'm just sayin'.

How many times can my husband say "You've been chopped" after a dish he doesn't like has been put on the table before it's okay for me to knee him in the balls?

Who's the wiseass who sneaks into my bathroom every year and crams a pitted black olive over the head of my toothbrush?

How many days does a 12-pound turkey need to float in our saltwater aquarium to be properly brined?

Where can I get more of that sexy plastic netting the bird comes in?

My cousin brought over a delicately roasted pancetta-sage gravy to perfectly complement her orange and rosemary-infused pistachio quinoa stuffing with baby figs. Will this clog the garbage disposal?

I've been to six stores and no one carries these "dingleberries" my grandson mentioned in his reply to my post for Thanksgiving menu suggestions. Where can I find them?



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ARTIST: JOSH MECOUCH



**WHAT'S  
THE NEXT BIG  
DEVELOPMENT  
IN  
E-CIGARETTES?**

**HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS  
MAD FOLD-IN**

E-cigarettes have become a huge success! Sure, there are those who say they're just as addictive and harmful as regular cigarettes — but they're probably just blowing smoke! Most people find them to be a breath of fresh air and can't wait to see what E-cig manufacturers will cough up next!

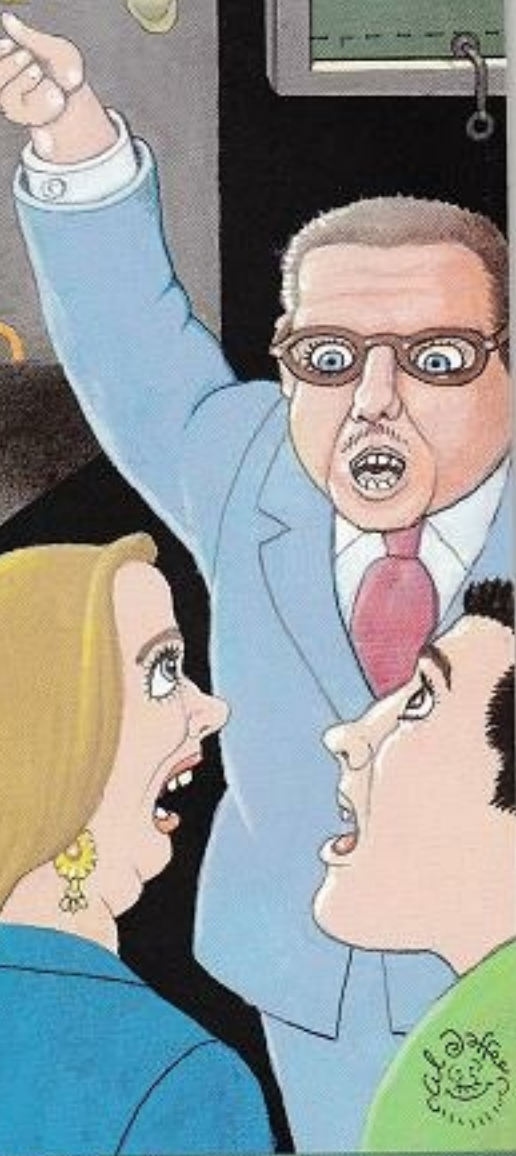


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**LUSH TOBACCO PLANTS ARE IDEAL FOR FARMING  
AND BENEFIT E-CIGARETTES. REALLY EXCITING DEVELOPMENTS ARE UNDERWAY**



**TREMENDOUS INVESTMENT HAS GONE INTO CREATING  
E-CIGARETTES AND TOBACCO GROWERS FEAR CAN-  
CELLED BUSINESS DUE TO THIS COMPETITOR**

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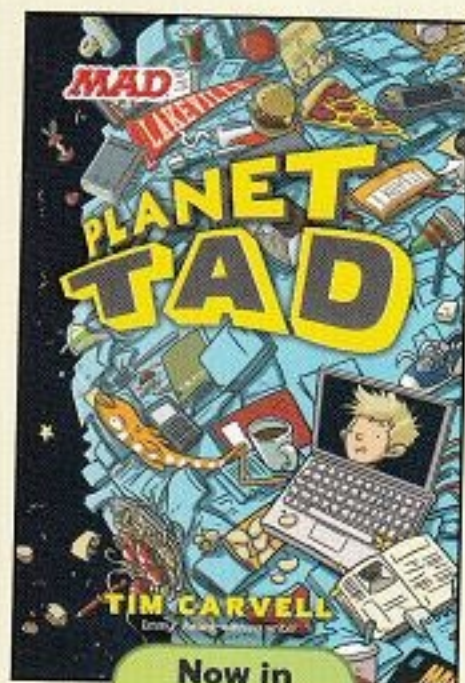
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# LOOK OUT, WORLD!

Tad is back with another hilarious year-in-the-blog



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**Tad may have survived the seventh grade, but his troubles are just getting started.**

From his first sort-of date (a disaster) to his first semiformal dance (a bigger disaster), all Tad wants to do is make it out of this year alive.

**Here's what a few funny people had to say about the first book:**

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**JON STEWART**

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